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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 6, 2023, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 3, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JENNIFER A. KIGGANS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy God, we pause to give thanks today for the prayer warriors across the globe who have dedicated themselves to this World Day of Prayer. For even as we pause here in this place to offer our own prayers for this body, for our communities, and for our country, how heartening it is to know that there are thousands of women around the world joining their voices with our own.

As they pray, so do we, that all would come to know You better. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we would all receive the hope You have granted each of us. May all who believe be strengthened by Your incomparably great power, and may we together share in the riches of the inheritance

You have bestowed on all Your people, sharing the bounty of wealth, food, medication, and clothing with those in need.

Remind us today and each day that prayer is our greatest defense against the affliction of despair and hopelessness. Would that we wield that privilege often and with compassion and wisdom.

In the sure and certain hope that in our asking You will answer, we pray in the strength of Your eternal name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following commu-

nication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 2, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 2, 2023, at 1:32 p.m.

That the Senate passed S. 227.

That the Senate passed S. 619.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.J. Res. 30.

That the Senate agreed to S. Res. 57.

Relative to the death of the Honorable David F. Durenberger, former United States Senator for the State of Minnesota.

Appointments:
United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

Commission on the Future of the Navy.

United States Commission on Civil Rights.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which was read and referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.



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COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSE OF REP-
RESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, March 1, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On February 28, 2023, pursuant to section §3307 of Title 40, United States Code, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session to consider 10 resolutions included in the General Services Administration's Capital Investment and Leasing Programs.

The Committee continues to work to reduce the cost of federal property and leases. The 10 resolutions considered include two alteration projects and eight leases that will result in \$382 million in savings from avoided lease costs and space reductions.

I have enclosed copies of the resolutions adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on February 28, 2023.

Sincerely,

SAM GRAVES,
Chairman.

Enclosures.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,
HOUSTON, TX

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 99,000 rentable square feet of space, including 32 official parking spaces, for the Southern District of Texas United States Attorney's Office (USAO) located at 1000 Louisiana Street in Houston, Texas, at a proposed total annual cost of \$4,702,500 for a

lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, the Administrator of General Services and tenant agency(ies) agree to apply an overall utilization rate of 240 square feet or less per person, except that, if the Administrator determines that the overall utilization rate cannot be achieved, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided that, except for interim leases as described above, the Administrator may not enter into any leases that are below prospectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus that would result in an overall utilization rate of 240 square feet or higher per person.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not

be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY’S OFFICE
HOUSTON, TX**

Prospectus Number: PTX-01-HO21
Congressional District: 18

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a lease for approximately 99,000 rentable square feet (RSF) and 32 parking spaces for the Southern District of Texas United States Attorney’s Office (USAO). Southern District of Texas USAO is currently housed at 1000 Louisiana Street, Houston, TX, under a lease that expires May 23, 2022.

The lease will provide continued housing for USAO District Office and will improve the office and overall utilization rates from 138 to 119 and from 324 to 240 usable square feet (USF) per person, respectively.

Description

Occupant:	USAO
Current RSF:	132,539 (Current RSF/USF = 1.15)
Estimated/Proposed Maximum RSF ¹ :	99,000 (Proposed RSF/USF =1.15)
Expansion/Reduction RSF:	33,539 Reduction
Current USF/Person:	324
Estimated/Proposed USF/Person:	240
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	05/23/2022
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	North: Franklin Street to Congress Street; East: Main Street; South: Dallas Street; West: I-45
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	32
Scoring:	Operating
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$4,840,324 (lease effective 05/24/2012)
Estimated Rental Rate ² :	\$47.50/ RSF
Estimated Total Annual Cost ³ :	\$4,702,500

¹ The RSF/USF at the current location is approximately 1.15. To maximize competition a RSF/USF ratio of 1.15 is used for the estimated proposed maximum RSF as indicated in the housing plan.

² This estimate is for fiscal year 2022 and may be escalated by 2.0 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is fully serviced including all operating expenses, whether paid by the lessor or directly by the Government. GSA will conduct the procurement using prevailing market rental rates as a benchmark for the evaluation of competitive offers and as the basis for negotiating with offerors to ensure that lease award is made in the best interest of the Government.

³ New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes and operating costs.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY’S OFFICE
HOUSTON, TX**

Prospectus Number: PTX-01-HO21
Congressional District: 18

Background

The U.S. Attorneys serve as the Nation's principal litigators under the direction of the Attorney General and conduct most of the trial work in which the U.S. is a party. There are 93 U.S. Attorneys stationed throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. U.S. Attorneys have three statutory responsibilities under Title 28, Section 547 of the United States Code:

- the prosecution of criminal cases brought by the Federal Government;
- the prosecution and defense of civil cases in which the United States is a party; and
- the collection of debts owed the Federal Government that are administratively uncollectible.

Although the distribution of caseload varies between districts, each district has every category of cases and handles a mixture of simple and complex litigation. Each U.S. Attorney exercises wide discretion in the use of his or her resources to further the priorities of the local jurisdictions and needs of their communities.

GSA will consider whether this District Office’s continued housing needs should be satisfied in the existing location based on an analysis of other potential locations within the delineated area. If other potential locations are identified, a cost-benefit analysis will be conducted to determine whether the Government can expect to recover the relocation and duplication costs of real and personal property needed for USAO to accomplish its mission.

Justification

USAO is currently housed at 1000 Louisiana Street in a lease that expires May 23, 2022. The agency requires continued housing to carry out its mission.

The Houston office serves as headquarters for the U.S. Attorneys Southern District of Texas and houses over 350 attorneys and support staff. The litigating function of the U.S. Attorneys requires frequent attendance at trial and other court functions within the Federal Courthouse located at 515 Rusk Avenue in Houston, necessitating close proximity. GSA has determined that sufficient competition is available in the area to support delineated area that is proximate to the Courthouse.

Summary of Energy Compliance

GSA will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY’S OFFICE
HOUSTON, TX**

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GSA encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required rentable area.


Interim Leasing


GSA will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing of the tenant agency prior to the effective date of the extension. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 4/21/2022

Recommended:  _____
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved:  _____
Administrator, General Services Administration

Leased Locations	CURRENT				ESTIMATED/PROPOSED			
	Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF) ¹		Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF)	
	Office	Total	Office	Total	Office	Total	Office	Total
1000 Louisiana Street	356	356	62,905	9,333		43,014		
Estimated/Proposed Lease								
Total	356	356	62,905	9,333		43,014		

Office Utilization Rate (UR) ²		
Rate	Current	Proposed
	138	119

UR = average amount of office space per person
Current UR excludes 13,839 usf of office support space
Proposed UR excludes 11,981 usf of office support space

Overall UR ³		
Rate	Current	Proposed
	324	240

R/U Factor ⁴			
	Total USF	RSF/USF	Max RSF
Current	115,252	1.15	132,539
Estimated/Proposed	85,450	1.15	99,000

Special Space ⁶		USF
ADP Space		2,257
Breakroom		1,708
Conference/Training		7,930
Copy/Production		2,684
File Room		5,429
High Density File Rooms		1,220
Interview Rooms		2,196
Mail Room		915
Private Toilet		92
Secure Work Environment		2,044
Secured Storage		976
Total		27,451

NOTES:

- ¹ USF means the portion of the building available for use by a tenant's personnel and furnishings and space available jointly to the occupants of the building.
² Calculation excludes Judiciary, Congress and agencies with less than 10 people
³ USF/Person = housing plan total USF divided by total personnel.
⁴ R/U Factor (R/U) = Max RSF divided by total USF
⁵ Storage excludes warehouse, which is part of Special Space.
⁶ Special spaces listed are examples of such spaces and may be subject to change at the time a Request for Lease Proposal (RLP) is issued to meet specific agency requirements.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

ALTERATION—U.S. FEDERAL BUILDING AND
COURTHOUSE, SELMA, AL

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for repairs and alterations for the U.S. Federal Building and Courthouse located at 908 Alabama Avenue in Selma, Alabama, to repair

the exterior masonry, replace interior flooring, and upgrade restrooms at a design cost of \$354,000, an estimated construction cost of \$3,655,000, and a management and inspection cost of \$191,000, for a total estimated project cost of \$4,200,000, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Provided, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

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**PROSPECTUS – ALTERATION
U.S. FEDERAL BUILDING AND COURTHOUSE
SELMA, AL**

Prospectus Number: PAL-0055-SE22
Congressional District: 7

FY 2022 Project Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a repair and alteration project for the U.S. Federal Building and Courthouse located at 908 Alabama Avenue in Selma, AL. The proposed project will repair the exterior masonry, replace interior flooring, and upgrade restrooms.

FY 2022 Committee Approval Requested

(Design, Construction, and Management & Inspection).....\$4,200,000

FY 2022 Appropriations (Public Law 117-103, March 15, 2022)

(Design, Construction, and Management & Inspection)..... \$4,200,000¹

Major Work Items

Exterior Closure and Interior Construction

Project Budget

Design	\$354,000
Estimated Construction Cost (ECC)	3,655,000
Management and Inspection (M&I).....	191,000
Estimated Total Project Cost (ETPC).....	\$4,200,000

*Tenant agencies may fund an additional amount for alterations above the standard normally provided by GSA.

<u>Schedule</u>	Start	End
Design and Construction	FY 2023	FY 2027

Building

This National Historic Register-listed building was constructed in 1909, with a one-story addition added to the rear in 1928. The Renaissance Revival style building is constructed of sandstone, marble, and stucco over masonry walls. The main building is 3 stories plus a basement and comprises 26,140 gross square feet and 23 surface parking spaces.

¹ Public Law 117-103 (FY 2022) funded \$4,200,000 for design, construction, and management and inspection for the United States Federal Building and Courthouse in Selma, AL.

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**PROSPECTUS – ALTERATION
U.S. FEDERAL BUILDING AND COURTHOUSE
SELMA, AL**

Prospectus Number: PAL-0055-SE22
Congressional District: 7

Tenant Agencies

Judiciary – U.S. District Court Clerk and Probation; Department of Justice – U.S. Marshals Service and U.S. Attorneys; Congress

Proposed Project

The project proposes to address the failing structure of the building's exterior façade and modernize restrooms by replacing fixtures and tiles. Surface flooring throughout the building will be replaced as well as the subflooring of the first floor, including hazardous materials abatement, as necessary.

Major Work Items

Exterior Closure	\$2,989,000
Interior Construction	<u>666,000</u>
Total ECC	\$3,655,000

Justification

Sections of the exterior facade are falling away from the building due to spalling, aging, stress cracks, and deterioration of the metal anchoring and mortar joints. Scaffolding has been erected around the building to mitigate the safety risks of falling debris. The historical stonework also needs waterproofing and any associated cleaning to prevent further decay.

Ongoing structural issues require demolition and replacement of the first-floor subflooring. The surface flooring needs to be replaced due to excessive wear. Abatement of hazardous materials will be completed, as necessary.

Summary of Energy, Water, Sustainability, and Climate Risk Compliance

This project will be designed to conform to requirements of the *Facilities Standards for the Public Buildings Service*. GSA will focus on design and construction opportunities to increase energy and water efficiencies to minimize operating costs and greenhouse gas emissions, to incorporate sustainable design principles into projects, and identify and minimize climate risk liabilities above the minimum performance criteria in a manner that is life-cycle cost effective.

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**PROSPECTUS – ALTERATION
U.S. FEDERAL BUILDING AND COURTHOUSE
SELMA, AL**

Prospectus Number: PAL-0055-SE22
Congressional District: 7

Prior Appropriations

Appropriations			
Public Law	Fiscal Year	Amount	Purpose
117-103	2022	\$4,200,000	Design, Construction, and Management and Inspection

Prior Committee Approvals

None

Prior Prospectus-Level Projects in Building (past 10 years)

None

Alternatives Considered (30-year, present value cost analysis)

There are no feasible alternatives to this project. This is a limited scope renovation, and the cost of the proposed project is far less than the cost of leasing or constructing a new building.

Recommendation

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
**PROSPECTUS – ALTERATION
U.S. FEDERAL BUILDING AND COURTHOUSE
SELMA, AL**


Prospectus Number: PAL-0055-SE22
Congressional District: 7

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 9/12/2022 _____

Recommended:  _____
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved:  _____
Administrator, General Services Administration

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

ALTERATION—WILLIAM COLMER FEDERAL
BUILDING AND U.S. COURTHOUSE, HATTIES-
BURG, MS

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for repairs and alterations for the William M. Colmer Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse (Colmer CT) located at 701 North Main

Street in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, to improve physical security at the building, address the building's deteriorating envelope, and upgrade multiple building systems at a design cost of \$2,146,000, an estimated construction cost of \$23,531,000, and a management and inspection cost of \$1,323,000, for a total estimated project cost of \$27,000,000 a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Provided, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other

agency the authority granted by this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

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**PROSPECTUS – ALTERATION
WILLIAM COLMER FEDERAL BUILDING AND U.S. COURTHOUSE
HATTIESBURG, MS**

Prospectus Number: PMS-0072-HA22
Congressional District: 4

FY 2022 Project Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a repair and alteration project for the William M. Colmer Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse (Colmer CT) located at 701 North Main Street in Hattiesburg, MS. The proposed project will improve physical security at the building, address the building's deteriorating envelope, and upgrade multiple building systems.

FY 2022 Committee Approval Requested

(Design, Construction, Management & Inspection.....\$27,000,000

FY 2022 Appropriations (Public Law 117-103, March 15, 2022)

(Design, Construction, Management & Inspection) \$27,000,000¹

Major Work Items

Physical security improvements; exterior construction; interior construction; fire protection; electrical; heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), plumbing and conveyance upgrades; demolition and hazardous materials abatement

Project Budget²

Design	\$2,146,000
Estimated Construction Cost (ECC)	23,531,000
Management and Inspection (M&I)	<u>1,323,000</u>
Estimated Total Project Cost (ETPC)*.....	\$27,000,000

*Tenant agencies may fund an additional amount for tenant improvements above the standard normally provided by GSA.

Schedule

	Start	End
Design and Construction	FY 2023	FY 2026

¹ Public Law 117-103 (FY 2022) funded \$27,000,000 for repair and alteration of the building.

² Project design to follow 2007 United States Courts Design Guide (as partially revised in 2016).

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**PROSPECTUS – ALTERATION
WILLIAM COLMER FEDERAL BUILDING AND U.S. COURTHOUSE
HATTIESBURG, MS**

Prospectus Number: PMS-0072-HA22
Congressional District: 4

Building

The Colmer CT, named after former Congressman William Meyers Colmer (1890-1980), was constructed in 1974 and contains 64,228 gross square feet of space over three stories plus basement. The Colmer CT has been evaluated as potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Tenant Agencies

Judiciary - U.S. District Court, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, U.S. Probation Office; U.S. Department of Justice - U.S. Marshals Service (USMS), Office of the U.S. Attorney; U.S. Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service; U.S. Department of the Army - Army Recruiting Command; U.S. Department of Labor - Office of Inspector General, Wage and Hour Division; GSA

Proposed Project

The proposed project will address security deficiencies identified in the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts September 2020 Capital Security Program Study. The project will also address needed repairs to the exterior envelope and upgrades to multiple building systems, including necessary fire and life-safety system upgrades and upgrades to existing restrooms.

The project will address elements that improve the separation of circulation for the public, judges, and prisoners, such as adding doors, reconfiguring or adding corridors, reconfiguring or adding elevators and sally ports, constructing physical or visual barriers and associated demolition, improving physical security, abating hazardous materials, and undertaking systems upgrades.

Fire and life-safety improvements include the construction of a new fire egress stair to support life-safety code emergency exiting requirements for occupants of the building and upgrades to the fire alarm and sprinkler system. The project will also address various building-related concerns and deficiencies, including, without limitation, the replacement of exterior windows, repairs related to improving the overall integrity of the building’s envelope, and the replacement or repair of the public restroom fixtures.

Major Work Items

Physical Security Improvements	\$9,332,000
Exterior Construction	6,025,000
Fire Protection Upgrades	3,674,000
Interior Construction	3,107,000

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**PROSPECTUS – ALTERATION
WILLIAM COLMER FEDERAL BUILDING AND U.S. COURTHOUSE
HATTIESBURG, MS**

Prospectus Number: PMS-0072-HA22
Congressional District: 4

Electrical/HVAC/Plumbing/Conveyance Upgrades	1,189,000
Demolition/Hazardous Materials Abatement	<u>204,000</u>
TOTAL	\$23,531,000

Justification

The Colmer CT serves the United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi and houses one senior U.S. district court judge, one U.S. magistrate judge, two visiting district court judges, and one visiting bankruptcy judge for hearings approximately once a week. The building does not have appropriate separate circulation for judges, prisoner movement, and the public. The building lacks a USMS sallyport, detention-grade elevators, secure parking, and a dedicated elevator for judges. The building also requires additional holding cells and improvements to the lobby security station.

The fire alarm system is 21 years old and beyond its useful life. The notification strobes are not placed in accordance with the latest National Fire Protection Association 72 safety standards or the Architectural Barriers Act Accessibility Standard (ABAAS). Smoke and heat detectors also do not meet current standards.

Exterior envelope repairs will enhance the building's integrity. The existing windows, some of which leak, have low-efficiency glass single panes with no thermal break frames. New insulated glass and frames will decrease the heating and cooling load by decreasing the heat transfer through the envelope of the building, resolving water intrusion and preventing further damage. The decreased building heating and cooling load will reduce the overall HVAC system electricity consumption. The building also lacks a lightning protection system.

Restroom fixtures and finishes, including sinks, stall partitions and accessories, which date back to the building's construction, do not meet ABAAS. The partitions are being held in place at the bottom by jacks and interim repairs have resulted in a non-uniform appearance.

Summary of Energy, Water, Sustainability, and Climate Risk Compliance

This project will be designed to conform to requirements of the *Facilities Standards for the Public Buildings Service*. GSA will focus on design and construction opportunities to increase energy and water efficiencies to minimize operating costs and greenhouse gas emissions, to incorporate sustainable design principles into projects, and identify and minimize climate risk liabilities above the minimum performance criteria in a manner that is life-cycle cost effective.

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**PROSPECTUS – ALTERATION
WILLIAM COLMER FEDERAL BUILDING AND U.S. COURTHOUSE
HATTIESBURG, MS**

Prospectus Number: PMS-0072-HA22
Congressional District: 4

Prior Appropriations

Appropriations			
Public Law	Fiscal Year	Amount	Purpose
117-103	2022	\$27,000,000	Design, Construction and M&I

Prior Committee Approvals

None

Prior Prospectus-Level Projects in Building (past 10 years)

None

Alternatives Considered (30-year, present value cost analysis)

This project provides funding to address security deficiencies in an existing Federal facility in a timely and less costly manner than constructing or leasing a new courthouse.

Recommendation

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
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WILLIAM COLMER FEDERAL BUILDING AND U.S. COURTHOUSE
HATTIESBURG, MS**

Prospectus Number: PMS-0072-HA22
Congressional District: 4


Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 9/12/2022

Recommended: 

Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: 

Administrator, General Services Administration

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING
COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, DC

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 173,000 rentable square feet of space, including three official parking spaces, for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) located at 3 Lafayette Centre at 1155 21st Street NW, in Washington, District of Columbia, at a proposed total annual cost of \$8,650,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, the Administrator of General Services and tenant agency(ies) agree to apply an overall utilization rate of 180 square feet or less per person, except that, if the Administrator determines that the overall utilization rate cannot be achieved, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided that, except for interim leases as described above, the Administrator may not enter into any leases that are below prospectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus that would result in an overall utilization rate of 180 square feet or higher per person.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from

the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC**

Prospectus Number: PDC-06-WA23

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a lease of approximately 173,000 rentable square feet (RSF) for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), currently located at 3 Lafayette Centre at 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC. CFTC has occupied space in the building since December 30, 1994, in a lease under their own authority that expires on September 30, 2025.

The new lease will provide continued housing for CFTC and will improve the office and overall space utilization rates from 161 to 92 and 302 to 180 usable square feet (USF) per person, respectively.

Description

Occupant:	CFTC
Current RSF:	288,260 (Current RSF/USF = 1.27)
Estimated/Proposed Maximum RSF: ¹	173,000 (Proposed RSF/USF = 1.20)
Expansion/Reduction RSF:	115,260 RSF Reduction
Current USF/Person:	302
Estimated/Proposed USF/Person:	180
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	9/30/2025
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	Washington, DC, Central Employment Area
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	3
Scoring:	Operating
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$18,260,000 (lease effective 12/30/1994)
Estimated Rental Rate: ²	\$50.00 / RSF
Estimated Total Annual Cost: ³	\$8,650,000

¹ The RSF/USF at the current location is approximately 1.27; however, to maximize competition a RSF/USF ratio of 1.20 is used for the estimated proposed maximum RSF as indicated in the housing plan.

² This estimate is for fiscal year FY 2025 and may be escalated by 2.0 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is fully serviced including all operating expenses, whether paid by the lessor or directly by the Government. GSA will conduct the procurement using prevailing market rental rates as a benchmark for the evaluation of competitive offers and as the basis for negotiating with offerors to ensure that lease award is made in the best interest of the Government.

³ New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes and operating costs.

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WASHINGTON, DC**

Prospectus Number: PDC-06-WA23

Background

The mission of the CFTC is to promote the integrity, resilience, and vibrancy of the U.S. derivatives markets through sound regulation. CFTC regulates the trading of commodity futures in the United States. The CFTC space affected by this prospectus is the CFTC's Headquarters in Washington, DC. All CFTC national policies, programs and directives impacting its four national locations are promulgated from the headquarters space for which this prospectus is being submitted.

Justification

The CFTC is currently housed at 3 Lafayette Centre located at 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC, in a lease under their own authority that expires September 30, 2025.

CFTC requires continued housing for its headquarters location to carry out its mission upon expiration of the current lease. CFTC seeks an opportunity to reduce its footprint and lease costs, and to improve the agency utilization rate with this lease action.

Summary of Energy Compliance

GSA will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. GSA encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required rentable area.

Interim Leasing

CFTC will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing of the tenant agency prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC**

Prospectus Number: PDC-06-WA23


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Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 10/13/2022

Recommended:  _____
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved:  _____
Administrator, General Services Administration

Leased Locations	CURRENT			ESTIMATED/PROPOSED		
	Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF) ¹	Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF)
	Office	Total		Office	Total	
1155 21st St. NW	755	755	52,345			
			19,605			
			Special ⁶			Special ⁶
Estimated/Proposed Lease						
Total	755	755	52,345	800	800	44,787
			19,605			44,787
						143,992
						143,992

Office Utilization Rate (UR) ²		
Rate	Current	Proposed
	161	92

UR = average amount of office space per person
Current UR excludes 34,290 USF of office support space.
Proposed UR excludes 20,667 USF of office support space.

Overall UR ³		
Rate	Current	Proposed
	302	180

R/U Factor ⁴			
Current	Total USF	RSF/USF	Max RSF
	227,814	1.27	288,260
	143,992	1.2	173,000

NOTES:

¹ USF means the portion of the building available for use by a tenant's personnel and furnishings and space available jointly to the occupants of the building.
² Calculation excludes the judiciary, Congress and agencies with fewer than 10 people.

³ USF/Person = housing plan total USF divided by total personnel

⁴ R/U Factor (R/U) = Max RSF divided by total USF

⁵ Storage excludes warehouse, which is part of special space.

⁶ Special spaces listed are examples of such spaces and may be subject to change at the time a Request for Lease Proposals (RLP) is issued to meet specific agency requirements.

Special Space ⁶		USF
ADP Space		1,863
Conference/Training		15,038
Copy Center		2,025
Food Service		5,333
Health Units		405
Mail Rooms		405
A/V Studio & Room		770
Controlled Access Area		1,350
Deposition Room		2,052
Evidence Storage		675
Forensics Lab		540
Hearing Room		8,141
Library & Public Reading Room		810
Market Watch & Bloomberg Room		1,404
Reception and Intake Area		2,174
Security		1,802
Total		44,787

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, WASHINGTON,
DC

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 465,000 rentable square feet of space, including 30 official parking spaces, for the Department of Justice (DOJ) located at 2 Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE, in Washington, District of Columbia, at a proposed total annual cost of \$23,250,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, the Administrator of General Services and tenant agency(ies) agree to apply an overall utilization rate of 220 square feet or less per person, except that, if the Administrator determines that the overall utilization rate cannot be achieved, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided that, except for interim leases as described above, the Administrator may not enter into any leases that are below prospectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus that would result in an overall utilization rate of 220 square feet or higher per person.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

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Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, DC

Prospectus Number: PDC-05-WA23

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a lease of approximately 465,000 rentable square feet (RSF) for the Department of Justice (DOJ), currently located at 2 Constitution Square, 145 N Street NE in Washington, DC. DOJ has occupied space in the building since 2010 under two leases that expire on June 22, 2025, and August 22, 2025.

The lease will provide continued housing for DOJ and will improve the office and overall space utilization rates from 187 to 149 and 293 to 220 usable square feet (USF) per person, respectively.

Description

	DOJ
Occupant:	
Current RSF:	575,790 (Current RSF/USF = 1.12)
Estimated/Proposed Maximum RSF ¹ :	465,000 (Proposed RSF/USF = 1.20)
Expansion/Reduction RSF:	110,790 RSF Reduction
Current USF/Person:	293
Estimated/Proposed USF/Person:	220
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	06/22/2025, 08/22/2025
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	20 years
Delineated Area:	Washington, DC, Central Employment Area
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	30
Scoring:	Operating
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$29,587,602 (leases effective 06/23/2010 and 08/23/2010)
Estimated Rental Rate ² :	\$50.00 / RSF
Estimated Total Annual Cost ³ :	\$23,250,000

¹ The RSF/USF at the current location is approximately 1.12; however, to maximize competition an RSF/USF ratio of 1.20 is used for the estimated proposed maximum RSF as indicated in the housing plan.

² This estimate is for fiscal year 2025 and may be escalated by 2.0 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is fully serviced including all operating expenses, whether paid by the lessor or directly by the Government. GSA will conduct the procurement using prevailing market rental rates as a benchmark for the evaluation of competitive offers and as the basis for negotiating with offerors to ensure that lease award is made in the best interest of the Government.

³ New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes and operating costs.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, DC**

Prospectus Number: PDC-05-WA23

Acquisition Strategy

In order to maximize the flexibility and competition in acquiring space for the DOJ, GSA may issue a single, multiple-award solicitation that will allow offerors to provide blocks of space able to meet requirements in whole or in part. All offers must provide space consistent with the delineated area defined by this prospectus.

Background

The DOJ mission is to enforce the law and defend the interests of the United States according to the law; to ensure public safety against threats foreign and domestic; to provide Federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime; to seek just punishment for those guilty of unlawful behavior; and to ensure fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans.

This requirement primarily houses the DOJ Management Division (JMD)—which consists of several components, including CIO, Finance, Human Resources, and Facilities and Administrative Services—and the International Criminal Police Organization (Interpol). JMD provides consistent and effective administration services to DOJ. The mission of Interpol Washington is to facilitate international law enforcement cooperation as the United States representative to Interpol on behalf of the Attorney General.

Justification

JMD and Interpol are currently housed at 145 N Street NE, Washington, DC, in two leases that expire June 22, 2025, and August 22, 2025. These DOJ components require continued housing to carry out their missions. The proposed project will result in space reduction and improved efficiency while maintaining mission readiness.

Summary of Energy Compliance

GSA will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. GSA encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, DC**

Prospectus Number: PDC-05-WA23

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required rentable area.

Interim Leasing

GSA will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing of the tenant agency prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

OMB Memorandum M-21-25 Implementations and Long-Term Space Requirements

The requirements within this prospectus reflect the known space needs prior to its submission to Congress. Agencies continue to develop their return to physical workplaces strategies consistent with OMB Memorandum M-21-25, incorporate lessons learned while working both in-person and under maximum telework during the COVID-19 pandemic, and determine each agency's long-term space posture. Accordingly, the requirements outlined in this prospectus may change prior to award of a lease. In the event that a change results in a revised requirement that makes a material change and does not fit within the acceptable parameters of the Congressional resolutions, GSA will submit an amended prospectus for consideration by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, DC**


Prospectus Number: PDC-05-WA23

Certification of Need

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Submitted at Washington, DC, on 10/13/2022

Recommended:  _____
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved:  _____
Administrator, General Services Administration

December 2021

Housing Plan
Department of Justice

PDC-05-WA23
Washington, DC

Leased Locations	CURRENT			ESTIMATED/PROPOSED		
	Personnel		Total	Usable Square Feet (USF) ¹		Total
	Office	Total		Storage	Special ²	
2 Constitution Square	1,758	1,758	515,523	19,250	75,180	
Estimated/Proposed Lease						
Total	1,758	1,758	515,523	19,250	75,180	386,760

Office Utilization Rate (UR) ³		
Rate	Current	Proposed
	187	149

UR = average amount of office space per person
Current UR excludes 92,640 USF of office support space.
Proposed UR excludes 73,957 USF of office support space.

Overall UR ³		
Rate	Current	Proposed
	293	220

R/U Factor ⁴			
	Total USF	RSF/USF	Max RSF
Current	515,523	1.12	575,790
Estimated/Proposed	386,760	1.2	465,000

Special Space ⁵		USF
ADP Space		800
Conference/Training		23,400
Copy Center		10,000
Food Service		2,880
Health Units		1,200
High Density File Rooms		5,000
Security Command Center		1,800
SCIF		2,000
Secure Interview Room		2,900
Total		49,980

NOTES:
1 USF means the portion of the building available for use by a tenant's personnel and furnishings and space available jointly to the occupants of the building.
2 Calculation excludes the judiciary, Congress and agencies with fewer than 10 people.
3 USF/Person = housing plan total USF divided by total personnel
4 R/U Factor (R/U) = Max RSF divided by total USF
5 Storage excludes warehouse, which is part of special space.
6 Special spaces listed are examples of such spaces and may be subject to change at the time a Request for Lease Proposals (R/LP) is issued to meet specific agency requirements.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY,
WASHINGTON, DC

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 103,000 rentable square feet of space for the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) located at 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue, in Washington, District of Columbia, under three leases and at 1722 I Street NW, in Washington, District of Columbia, at a proposed total annual cost of \$5,150,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, the Administrator of General Services and tenant agency(ies) agree to apply an overall utilization rate of 179 square feet or less per person, except that, if the Administrator determines that the overall utilization rate cannot be achieved, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided that, except for interim leases as described above, the Administrator may not enter into any leases that are below prospectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus that would result in an overall utilization rate of 179 square feet or higher per person.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, DC

Prospectus Number: PDC-01-WA23

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a lease of approximately 103,000 rentable square feet (RSF) for the Department of the Treasury (Treasury), currently located at 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. under three leases and at 1722 I St. in Washington, DC. Treasury has occupied space at 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue since 2012 under leases that expire 8/19/2025 and at 1722 I Street since 2015 under a lease that expires 8/19/2025.

The proposed lease will provide continued housing for the Treasury and will change the office and overall space utilization rates from 108 to 97 and 187 to 179 and (USF) per person, respectively.

Description

Occupant:	Department of the Treasury
Current RSF:	195,383 (Current RSF/USF = 1.21)
Estimated/Proposed Maximum RSF: ¹	103,000 (Proposed RSF/USF = 1.20)
Expansion/Reduction RSF:	92,383 RSF Reduction
Current USF/Person:	187
Estimated/Proposed USF/Person:	179
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	both expire 8/19/2025
Proposed Maximum Lease Term:	20 years
Delineated Area:	Washington, DC, Central Employment Area
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	0
Scoring:	Operating
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$8,808,751
Estimated Rental Rate: ²	\$50.00 / RSF
Estimated Total Annual Cost: ³	\$5,150,000

Background

Treasury's mission is to maintain a strong economy and create economic and job opportunities by promoting the conditions that enable economic growth and stability at home and abroad, strengthen national security by combating threats and protecting the

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integrity of the financial system, and manage the U.S. Government's finances and resources effectively.

The Office of Management, located within Treasury's headquarters, is responsible for management policy and for budget, operations, human resources, information and technology management, financial management and accounting, procurement, privacy, and records. The Office of Management provides direct onsite support to the Treasury Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, and the departmental offices' policy office at Main Treasury located on the White House Complex. Treasury's Office of Technical Assistance (OTA) supports the development of strong financial sectors and sound public financial management in countries where assistance is needed and where there is a strong commitment to reform. These offices are currently housed under the three leases.

Treasury's reduction in real property is the product of a multi-faceted shift in housing strategy for Treasury departmental offices. During the many months of mandatory telework, the Office of Management and the Office of Technical Assistance (OTA) evaluated their offices' missions, COVID-19's impact on operations, and the resulting new business processes, staff interaction needs, customer requirements, available technology, and real property utilization. The conclusion is that business process improvements, creative scheduling, and increased availability of IT tools can provide the required flexibility needed to allow Treasury to reduce its real estate footprint in the Washington, DC, downtown district.

Justification

Treasury is currently housed in three leases at 1750 Pennsylvania Ave. and one lease at 1722 I Street NW that all expire concurrently on August 19, 2025. Treasury requires continued housing to carry out its mission.

This prospectus consolidation will facilitate a modernized workforce with a more robust telework program. Approximately half of the currently housed personnel are moving to increased telework and will not be accommodated under the replacement transaction. A small percentage will go into other existing Treasury spaces. By consolidating the currently separate locations, the proposed lease will increase efficiency, streamline operations, and eliminate redundant space while maintaining mission readiness.

Summary of Energy Compliance

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Interim Leasing

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
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON, DC**


Prospectus Number: PDC-01-WA23

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 10/13/2022

Recommended: 
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: 
Administrator, General Services Administration

Leased Locations	CURRENT						ESTIMATED/PROPOSED					
	Personnel			Usable Square Feet (USF) ¹			Personnel ⁷			Usable Square Feet (USF)		
	Office	Total		Office	Storage	Special	Total	Office	Storage ⁵	Special ⁶	Total	
1750 Pennsylvania Avenue NW	561	561		78,937	6,161	14,974	100,072					
1722 Eye Street NW	300	300		40,799	2,000	18,552	61,351					
Estimated/Proposed Lease								479	59,762	2,754	23,249	
Total	861	861		119,736	8,161	33,526	161,423	479	59,762	2,754	85,765	

Office Utilization Rate (UR) ²		
Rate	Current	Proposed
	108	97

UR = average amount of office space per person
Current UR excludes 26,342 USF of office support space.
Proposed UR excludes 13,148 USF of office support space.

Overall UR ³		
Rate	Current	Proposed
	187	179

R/U Factor ⁴			
	Total USF	RSF/USF	Max RSF
Current	161,423	1.21	195,383
Estimated/Proposed	85,765	1.20	103,000

Special Space ⁶		USF
ADP Space		3,190
Conference Rooms		15,361
Security/Entrance		1,740
Secure Room		564
Secure Work Area		1,958
Recording Studio		218
AV Control Room		218
Total		23,249

NOTES:

¹ USF means the portion of the building available for use by a tenant's personnel and furnishings and space available jointly to the occupants of the building.

² Calculation excludes the judiciary, Congress and agencies with fewer than 10 people.

³ USF/Person = housing plan total USF divided by total personnel

⁴ R/U Factor (R/U) = Max RSF divided by total USF

⁵ Storage excludes warehouse, which is part of special space.

⁶ Special spaces listed are examples of such spaces and may be subject to change at the time a Request for Lease Proposals (RLP) is issued to meet specific agency requirements.

⁷ Approximately half of the currently housed personnel are moving to increased telework and will not be accommodated under the replacement transaction. A small percentage will go into other existing Treasury space.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD,
WASHINGTON, DC

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 125,000 rentable square feet of space, including seven official parking spaces, for the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) located at 1015 Half Street SE in Washington, District of Columbia, at a proposed total annual cost of \$6,250,000 for a lease term of up to 20 years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, the Administrator of General Services and tenant agency(ies) agree to apply an overall utilization rate of 164 square feet or less per person, except that, if the Administrator determines that the overall utilization rate cannot be achieved, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided that, except for interim leases as described above, the Administrator may not enter into any leases that are below prospectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus that would result in an overall utilization rate of 164 square feet or higher per person.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from

the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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PROSPECTUS – LEASE
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC

Prospectus Number: PDC-03-WA23

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a lease of approximately 125,000 rentable square feet (RSF) for the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), currently located at 1015 Half Street SE in Washington, DC. NLRB has occupied space in the building since 2015 under a lease that expires on June 29, 2025.

The lease will provide continued housing for NLRB and will improve the office and overall space utilization rates from 169 to 90 and 217 to 164 usable square feet (USF) per person, respectively.

Description

Occupant:	NLRB
Current RSF:	152,872 (Current RSF/USF = 1.11)
Estimated/Proposed Maximum RSF ¹ :	125,000 (Proposed RSF/USF = 1.20)
Expansion/Reduction RSF:	27,872 RSF Reduction
Current USF/Person:	217
Estimated/Proposed USF/Person:	164
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	06/29/2025
Proposed Maximum Leasing	20 years
Authority:	
Delineated Area:	Washington, DC, Central Employment Area (CEA)
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	7
Scoring:	Operating
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$7,206,581 (lease effective 06/30/2015)
Estimated Rental Rate ² :	\$50.00 / RSF
Estimated Total Annual Cost ³ :	\$6,250,000

¹ The RSF/USF at the current location is approximately 1.11; however, to maximize competition a RSF/USF ratio of 1.20 is used for the estimated proposed maximum RSF as indicated in the housing plan.

² This estimate is for fiscal year 2025 and may be escalated by 2.0 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is fully serviced including all operating expenses, whether paid by the lessor or directly by the Government. GSA will conduct the procurement using prevailing market rental rates as a benchmark for the evaluation of competitive offers and as the basis for negotiating with offerors to ensure that lease award is made in the best interest of the Government.

³ New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes and operating costs.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC**

Prospectus Number: PDC-03-WA23

Background

The NLRB's mission is to protect workplace democracy by promoting and enforcing the rights and obligations of employees, unions, and employers under the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), to promote interstate commerce and strengthen the Nation's economy.

NLRB requires continued housing to carry out its mission, which is to enforce the NLRA, conduct secret-ballot elections to determine whether employees want union representation, and set the basic rules for unions trying to organize workers. The nature of NLRB's mission has required special office accommodations such as hearing rooms, conference rooms, judge's chambers, legal research offices, a law library, and presidential appointed executive suites.

Justification

The NLRB is currently housed at 1015 Half Street SE, Washington, DC, in a lease that expires June 29, 2025. NLRB requires continued housing to carry out its mission.

The NLRB seeks to achieve increased efficiency in its new lease. Staffing at the NLRB has changed since its present occupancy began in 2015, reducing in recent years from the original occupancy. The NLRB seeks to balance its housing requirements and its need for maximum efficiency in utilization of real estate and forecasts a reduction in office space footprint based on current but evolving staffing requirements.

Summary of Energy Compliance

GSA will incorporate energy efficiency requirements into the Request for Lease Proposals and other documents related to the procurement of space based on the approved prospectus. GSA encourages offerors to exceed minimum requirements set forth in the procurement and to achieve an Energy Star performance rating of 75 or higher.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required rentable area.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC**

Prospectus Number: PDC-03-WA23

Interim Leasing

GSA will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing of the tenant agency prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

OMB Memorandum M-21-25 Implementations and Long-Term Space Requirements

The requirements within this prospectus reflect the known space needs prior to its submission to Congress. Agencies continue to develop their return to physical workplaces strategies consistent with OMB Memorandum M-21-25, incorporate lessons learned while working both in-person and under maximum telework during the COVID-19 pandemic, and determine each agency's long-term space posture. Accordingly, the requirements outlined in this prospectus may change prior to award of a lease. In the event that a change results in a revised requirement that makes a material change and does not fit within the acceptable parameters of the Congressional resolutions, GSA will submit an amended prospectus for consideration by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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
**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
WASHINGTON, DC**


Prospectus Number: PDC-03-WA23

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 10/13/2022

Recommended:  _____
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved:  _____
Administrator, General Services Administration

Leased Locations	CURRENT			ESTIMATED/PROPOSED		
	Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF) ¹	Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF) ¹
	Office	Total		Office	Total	
1015 Half St SE	633	633	137,536			
Estimated/Proposed Lease						
Total	633	633	137,536	633	633	25,399
						103,828
						103,828

Office Utilization Rate (UR) ²		
Rate	Current	Proposed
	169	90

UR = average amount of office space per person
Current UR excludes 30,258 USF of office support space.
Proposed UR excludes 15,991 USF of office support space.

Overall UR ³		
Rate	Current	Proposed
	217	164

R/U Factor ⁴			
Total USF	RSF/USF	Max RSF	
Current	137,536	1.11	152,872
Estimated/Proposed	103,828	1.20	125,000

NOTES:

- ¹ USF means the portion of the building available for use by a tenant's personnel and furnishings and space available jointly to the occupants of the building.
² Calculation excludes the judiciary, Congress and agencies with fewer than 10 people.
³ USF/Person = housing plan total USF divided by total personnel
⁴ R/U Factor (R/U) = Max RSF divided by total USF
⁵ Storage excludes warehouse, which is part of special space.
⁶ Special spaces listed are examples of such spaces and may be subject to change at the time a Request for Lease Proposals (RLP) is issued to meet specific agency requirements.

Special Space ⁶		USF
ADP Space		884
Conference/Training		10,967
Copy Center		2,474
Food Service		3,897
Health Units		1,232
High Density File Rooms		1,105
Mail Rooms		1,782
Restrooms		667
Library		1,201
Witness & Interview Room		314
Security		876
Total		25,399

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE,
BROOKLYN, NY

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 119,629 rentable square feet of space, including 37 official parking spaces, for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) located at 100 Myrtle Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, at a proposed total annual cost of \$7,775,885 for a lease term of up to three years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, the Administrator of General Services and tenant agency(ies) agree to apply an overall utilization rate of 321 square feet or less per person, except that, if the Administrator determines that the overall utilization rate cannot be achieved, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided that, except for interim leases as described above, the Administrator may not enter into any leases that are below prospectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus that would result in an overall utilization rate of 321 square feet or higher per person.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from

the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
BROOKLYN, NY**

Prospectus Number: PNY-02-BR23
Congressional District: 8

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a lease extension of up to 3 years for approximately 119,629 rentable square feet (RSF) for the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), currently located at 100 Myrtle Avenue in Brooklyn, NY. The IRS has occupied space in the building since 2012 under a lease that expires on December 16, 2022.

Extension of the current lease will enable the IRS to provide continued housing for current personnel and meet its current mission requirements. The IRS will maintain the office and overall utilization rates at 210 and 321 usable square feet (USF) per person, respectively.

Description

Occupant:	IRS
Current RSF:	119,629 (Current RSF/USF = 1.32)
Estimated/Proposed Maximum RSF:	119,629 (Proposed RSF/USF = 1.32)
Expansion/Reduction RSF:	None
Current Usable Square Feet/Person:	321
Estimated/Proposed USF/Person:	321
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	12/16/2022
Proposed Maximum Leasing Authority:	3 years
Delineated Area:	Brooklyn, NY, as bounded by the following streets; North: Water Street East: Flatbush Avenue Extension South: Atlantic Avenue West: Brooklyn Queens Expressway to Furman Street
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	37
Scoring:	Operating
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$ 3,694,983.17 (lease effective 12/17/2012)
Estimated Rental Rate: ¹	\$ 65.00 / RSF
Estimated Total Annual Cost: ²	\$ 7,775,885

¹ This estimate is for fiscal year 2023 and may be escalated by 2 percent per year to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is fully serviced including all operating expenses, whether paid by the lessor or directly by the Government. GSA will conduct the procurement using prevailing market rental rates as a benchmark for the evaluation of competitive offers and as the basis for negotiating with offerors to ensure that lease award is made in the best interest of the Government.

² New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes and operating costs.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
BROOKLYN, NY**

Prospectus Number: PNY-02-BR23

Congressional District: 8

Background

The IRS's mission is to provide America's taxpayers top quality service by helping them understand and meet their tax responsibilities and enforce the law with integrity and fairness to all.

This location currently houses both the Taxpayer Assistance Center (TAC) and the Criminal Investigation (CI) office. TACs provide free personal tax help such as assistance with authentication of identity and document validation related to tax return filing; applications for an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number; Sailing Clearances required for foreign travel by resident and non-resident aliens leaving the United States; assistance with Economic Impact Payment Issues; cash payments; and obtaining tax forms.

CI serves the American public by investigating potential criminal violations of the Internal Revenue Code and related financial crimes in a manner that fosters confidence in the tax system and compliance with the law.

Justification

The IRS is currently housed at 100 Myrtle Avenue in a lease that expires December 16, 2022. The IRS requires continued housing to carry out its mission until it can execute a long-term plan to complete two new/replacing lease procurements, one for the TAC, and the other for the CI office. A 3-year lease extension will provide the IRS with sufficient time to formulate its relocation plan and budget for move costs accordingly. GSA will attempt to negotiate a flexible lease term of 3 years with termination rights after the first year to provide flexibility for future plans.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required rentable area.

Interim Leasing

GSA will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing of the tenant agency prior to the effective date of the extension as it is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
BROOKLYN, NY**

Prospectus Number: PNY-02-BR23
Congressional District: 8

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 10/13/2022

Recommended: _____



Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____



Administrator, General Services Administration

Housing Plan
Internal Revenue Service

PNY-02-BR23
Brooklyn, NY

Leased Locations	Personnel		CURRENT				ESTIMATED/PROPOSED			
	Office	Total	Office	Storage	Special	Total	Office	Storage	Special	Total
2 Metrotech/100 Myrtle Ave (IRS)	282	282		2,934	11,451	87,981				
2 Metrotech/100 Myrtle Ave (Vacant)										
Estimated/Proposed Lease (IRS)										
Estimated/Proposed Lease (Vacant)										
Total	282	282	76,066	2,934	11,451	90,451	282	2,934	11,451	90,451

Office Utilization Rate (UR) ¹		
Rate	Current	Proposed
	210	210

UR = average amount of office space per person
Current UR excludes 16,735 USF of office support space.
Proposed UR excludes 16,735 USF of office support space.

Overall UR ²		
Rate	Current	Proposed
	321	321

R/U Factor ⁴			
	Total USF	RSF/USF	Max RSF
Current	90,451	1.32	119,629
Estimated/Proposed			

Special Space ⁶		USF
ADP Space		1,445
Conference/Training		6,152
Copy Center		550
Fitness Center		1,129
Health Units		580
Locker Rooms		1,029
Mail Rooms		566
Total		11,451

NOTES:
¹ USF means the portion of the building available for use by a tenant's personnel and furnishings and space available jointly to the occupants of the building.
² Calculation excludes the judiciary, Congress and agencies with fewer than 10 people.
³ USF/Person = housing plan total USF divided by total personnel
⁴ R/U Factor (R/U) = Max RSF divided by total USF
⁵ Storage excludes warehouse, which is part of special space.
⁶ Special spaces listed are examples of such spaces and may be subject to change at the time a Request for Lease Proposals (RLP) is issued to meet specific agency requirements.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT, BUREAU OF OCEANIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT, METAIRIE, LA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 237,000 rentable square feet of space, including 12 official parking spaces, for the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) and the Bureau of Oceanic Energy Management (BOEM) located at 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard in Harahan, Louisiana, and 800 W. Commerce Road in New Orleans, Louisiana, at a proposed total annual cost of \$6,304,200 for a lease term of up to five years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, the Administrator of General Services and tenant agency(ies) agree to apply an overall utilization rate of 254 square feet or less per person, except that, if the Administrator determines that the overall utilization rate cannot be achieved, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation

and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided that, except for interim leases as described above, the Administrator may not enter into any leases that are below prospectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus that would result in an overall utilization rate of 254 square feet or higher per person.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT
BUREAU OF OCEANIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT
METAIRIE, LA**

Prospectus Number: PLA-01-ME23
Congressional District: 1,2,6

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes lease extensions of approximately 237,000 rentable square feet (RSF) for the Department of Interior, Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) and the Bureau of Oceanic Energy Management (BOEM), currently located at 1201 Elmwood Park Blvd. in Harahan, Louisiana, and 800 W. Commerce Road in New Orleans, Louisiana. The agencies have occupied space in the building in Harahan since 2008 under a lease that expires on December 31, 2025. BSEE has occupied space in the building in New Orleans since 2013 under a lease that expires on January 8, 2026.

Extension of the current leases will provide continued housing for BSEE and BOEM and will maintain the office and overall space utilization at 151 and 254 usable square feet (USF) per person, respectively.

Description

Occupant:	BSEE/BOEM
Current RSF:	236,356 (Current RSF/USF = 1.07)
Estimated/Proposed Maximum RSF ¹ :	237,000 (Proposed RSF/USF = 1.07)
Expansion/Reduction RSF:	None
Current USF/Person:	254
Estimated/Proposed USF/Person:	254
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	12/31/2025 and 01/08/2026
Proposed Maximum Lease Term:	5 years
Delineated Area:	North: Lake Ponchartrain; East: 17 th St. canal continued through Monticello Ave.; South: Mississippi River to Almedia Rd.; West: Almedia Rd. to HWY 61 and I-310 continued north of I-10 to Lake Ponchartrain
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	12
Scoring:	Operating
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$5,792,357 (leases effective 10/01/2008 and 07/09/2013)

¹ The RSF/USF at the current location is approximately 1.07; however, to maximize competition an RSF/USF ratio of 1.16 is used for the estimated proposed maximum RSF as indicated in the housing plan.

**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT
BUREAU OF OCEANIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT
METAIRIE, LA**

Prospectus Number: PLA-01-ME23
Congressional District: 1,2,6

Estimated Rental Rate ² :	\$26.60 / RSF
Estimated Total Annual Cost ³ :	\$6,304,200

Background

BSEE's mission is to promote safety, protect the environment, and conserve resources offshore through vigorous regulatory oversight and enforcement. By establishing BSEE, the U.S. Government severed the safety and environmental enforcement responsibilities that are BSEE's jurisdiction from revenue generation and management authority, which is vested in two separate Department of the Interior agencies (BOEM and Office of Natural Resources Revenue/ONRR).

Since its establishment in 2011, BSEE has been the lead Federal agency charged with improving safety and ensuring environmental protection related to the offshore energy industry, primarily oil and natural gas, on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). BSEE vigorously regulates oversight of worker safety, emergency preparedness, environmental compliance, and conservation of resources by conducting thousands of announced and unannounced inspections, developing safer technologies, mandating that each operator establish and follow their Safety and Environmental Management System (SEMS), and carrying out investigations when serious incidents occur. The BSEE office oversees nearly 2,000 facilities and about 13,135 miles of active pipeline in the Gulf of Mexico.

BOEM's mission is to manage development of U.S. OCS energy and mineral resources in an environmentally and economically responsible way. The Bureau is responsible for leasing areas of the OCS for conventional energy (oil and gas), renewable energy (wind, wave, and ocean current technologies) and marine mineral projects (sand and gravel). The BOEM office manages almost 2.5 billion acres of the OCS, nearly equal the size of the Nation's land acreage.

The Gulf of Mexico OCS region is a major focus of the oil and gas industry. The proposed lease will provide continued housing for the BSEE and the BOEM Gulf of Mexico Regional Offices.

² This estimate is for fiscal year 2026 and may be escalated by 2 percent annually to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is fully serviced including all operating expenses, whether paid by the lessor or directly by the Government. GSA will conduct the procurement using prevailing market rental rates as a benchmark for the evaluation of competitive offers and as the basis for negotiating with offerors to ensure that lease award is made in the best interest of the Government.

³ New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes and operating costs.

**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT
BUREAU OF OCEANIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT
METAIRIE, LA**

Prospectus Number: PLA-01-ME23
Congressional District: 1,2,6

Justification

BSEE and BOEM are currently housed at 1201 Elmwood Park Blvd. in Harahan, LA, in a lease that expires on December 21, 2025. BSEE is also housed at 800 W. Commerce Rd. in New Orleans, LA, in a lease that expires on July 8, 2023. Both agencies require continued housing to carry out their missions until they can execute a long-term plan to address future housing needs and working structures.

A five-year lease extension will provide BSEE and BOEM with sufficient time to formulate and finalize their workplace strategies and budget for any necessary move costs. GSA will attempt to negotiate lease terms that provide maximum flexibility to meet future plans.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required rentable area.

Interim Leasing

GSA will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing of the tenant agency prior to the effective date of the new lease. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT
BUREAU OF OCEANIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT
METAIRIE, LA**


Prospectus Number: PLA-01-ME23
Congressional District: 1,2,6

Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 12/20/2022

Recommended: 
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: 
Administrator, General Services Administration

Housing Plan
Bureau of Safety And Environmental Enforcement
Bureau of Oceanic Energy Management

PLA-01-ME23
Metairie, LA

Leased Locations	CURRENT						ESTIMATED/PROPOSED					
	Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF) ⁴				Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF)			
	Office	Total	Office	Storage	Special	Total	Office	Total	Office	Storage ⁵	Special ⁶	Total
1201 Elmwood Park Blvd (BSEE/BOEM)	680	680	140,571	6,176	40,951	187,698						
800 West Commerce (BSEE)	194	194	28,353	774	5,023	34,150						
Estimated/Proposed Lease							680	680	140,571	6,176	40,951	187,698
							194	194	28,353	774	5,023	34,150
Total	874	874	168,924	6,950	45,974	221,848	874	874	168,924	6,950	45,974	221,848

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

LEASE—ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY & CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, SEATTLE, WA

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the United States House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. § 3307, appropriations are authorized for a lease of up to 156,535 rentable square feet of space, including 27 official parking spaces, for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) located at 1200 6th Avenue in Seattle, Washington, at a proposed total annual cost of \$8,225,915 for a lease term of up to five years, a prospectus for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Approval of this prospectus constitutes authority to execute an interim lease for all tenants, if necessary, prior to the execution of the new lease.

Provided that, the Administrator of General Services and tenant agency(ies) agree to apply an overall utilization rate of 230 square feet or less per person, except that, if the Administrator determines that the overall utilization rate cannot be achieved, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided that, except for interim leases as described above, the Administrator may not enter into any leases that are below prospectus level for the purposes of meeting any of the requirements, or portions thereof, included in the prospectus that would result in an overall utilization rate of higher per person for 230 square feet or higher per person.

Provided that, to the maximum extent practicable, the Administrator shall include in the lease contract(s) a purchase option that can be exercised at the conclusion of the firm term of the lease.

Provided further, that the General Services Administration shall not delegate to any other agency the authority granted by this resolution.

Provided further, that the Administrator shall require that the delineated area of the procurement is identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, except that, if the Administrator determines that the delineated area of the procurement should not be identical to the delineated area included in the prospectus, the Administrator shall provide an explanatory statement to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives prior to exercising any lease authority provided in this resolution.

Provided further, not later than 30 calendar days after the date on which a request from the Chairman or Ranking Member of the

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives is received by the Administrator of General Services, the Administrator shall provide such Member a response in writing that provides any information requested regarding the project.

Provided further, prior to entering into this lease or approving a novation agreement involving a change of ownership under this lease, the Administrator of General Services shall require the offeror or the parties requesting the novation, as applicable, to identify and disclose whether the owner of the leased space, including an entity involved in the financing thereof, is a foreign person or a foreign-owned entity; provided further, in such an instance, the Administrator of General Services shall notify the occupant agency(ies) in writing, and consult with such occupant agency(ies) regarding security concerns and necessary mitigation measures (if any) prior to award of the lease or approval of the novation agreement.

Provided further, the Administrator of General Services shall require tenant agency(ies) to agree to reporting actual utilization data on at least an annual basis during occupancy and such reports are transmitted to the Committee.

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**PROSPECTUS – LEASE
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY &
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION
SEATTLE, WA**

Prospectus Number: PWA-02-SE23
Congressional District: 07

Executive Summary

The General Services Administration (GSA) proposes a lease extension of up to 5 years for approximately 156,535 rentable square feet (RSF) for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), currently located at 1200 6th Avenue in Seattle, WA. EPA and CDC have occupied space in the building since 2010 under two leases that expire on April 30, 2023, and April 30, 2025.

Extension of the current lease will enable EPA and CDC to provide continued housing for current personnel and meet their current mission requirements. The extension will improve the office and overall utilization from 208 and 267 to 180 and 230 usable square feet (USF) per person respectively.

Description

Occupant:	EPA and CDC
Current RSF:	172,320 (Current RSF/USF = 1.11)
Estimated/Proposed Maximum RSF:	156,535 (Proposed RSF/USF = 1.11)
Expansion/Reduction RSF:	15,785 Reduction
Current Usable Square Feet/Person:	267
Estimated/Proposed USF/Person:	230
Expiration Dates of Current Lease(s):	04/30/2023 and 04/20/2025
Proposed Maximum Lease Term:	5 years
Delineated Area:	Seattle Central Business District
Number of Official Parking Spaces:	27
Scoring:	Operating
Current Total Annual Cost:	\$7,918,854 (leases effective 05/01/2013 and 05/01/2015)
Estimated Rental Rate ¹ :	\$ 52.55 / RSF
Estimated Total Annual Cost ² :	\$ 8,225,915

¹ This estimate is for fiscal year 2023 and may be escalated by 2 percent per year to the effective date of the lease to account for inflation. The proposed rental rate is fully serviced including all operating expenses, whether paid by the lessor or directly by the Government. GSA will conduct the procurement using prevailing market rental rates as a benchmark for the evaluation of competitive offers and as the basis for negotiating with offerors to ensure that lease award is made in the best interest of the Government.

² New leases may contain an escalation clause to provide for annual changes in real estate taxes and operating costs.

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Background

The EPA's mission is to protect human health and the environment and to ensure that Americans have clean air, land, and water. The CDC's mission is to protect America from health, safety, and security threats, both foreign and domestic and conducts critical science and provides health information that protects our Nation against expensive and dangerous health threats and responds when these arise.

The Seattle Regional Office of the EPA serves Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and 271 Tribal Nations. The CDC supports a collaborative effort with the EPA in this location.

Justification

The EPA and CDC are currently housed at 1200 6th Avenue in Seattle, WA, in two leases that expire on April 30, 2023, and April 30, 2025. EPA and CDC require continued housing to carry out their missions.

EPA comprises more than 98 percent of the personnel assigned to this location. A 5-year lease extension will provide EPA with sufficient time to formulate their long-term Future of Work strategy incorporating opportunities to maximize alternative work arrangements and space management strategies. The extension will also provide EPA with the time necessary to budget for costs accordingly once long-term space requirements are known. GSA will attempt to negotiate a lease term of 5 years with flexibility for future plans.

Resolutions of Approval

Resolutions adopted by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works approving this prospectus will constitute approval to make appropriations to lease space in a facility that will yield the required rentable area.

Interim Leasing

GSA will execute such interim leasing actions as are necessary to ensure continued housing of the tenant agency prior to the effective date of the extension. It is in the best interest of the Government to avert the financial risk of holdover tenancy.

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Certification of Need

The proposed project is the best solution to meet a validated Government need.

Submitted at Washington, DC, on 1/19/2023

Recommended: _____



Commissioner, Public Buildings Service

Approved: _____



Administrator, General Services Administration

**Housing Plan
Environmental Protection Agency
Centers For Disease Control And Prevention**

PWA-02-SE23
Seattle, WA

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Leased Locations	CURRENT			ESTIMATED/PROPOSED		
	Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF) ¹	Personnel		Usable Square Feet (USF)
	Office	Total	Office	Office	Total	Special ⁶
1200 6th Avenue - EPA	607	607	148,022			
1200 6th Avenue - CDC	7	7	1,732			
1200 6th Avenue - Vacant			14,266			
Estimated/Proposed Lease - EPA				607	607	
Estimated/Proposed Lease - CDC				7	7	
Total	614	614	164,020	614	614	1,732
						141,472

Office Utilization Rate (UR) ²		
	Current	Proposed
Rate	208	180

UR = average amount of office space per person

Current UR excludes 36,084 USF of office support space.

Proposed UR excludes 31,124 USF of office support space.

Overall UR ³		
	Current	Proposed
Rate	267	230

R/U Factor ⁴			
	Total USF	RSF/USF	Max RSF
Current	164,020	1.11	181,171
Estimated/Proposed	141,472	1.11	156,533

NOTES:

¹ USF means the portion of the building available for use by a tenant's personnel and furnishings and space available jointly to the occupants of the building.² Calculation excludes the judiciary. Congress and agencies with fewer than 10 people.³ USF/Person = housing plan total USF divided by total personnel⁴ R/U Factor (R/U) = Max RSF divided by total USF⁵ Storage excludes warehouse, which is part of special space.⁶ Special spaces listed are examples of such spaces and may be subject to change at the time a Request for Lease Proposals (RLP) is issued to meet specific agency requirements.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon on Tuesday, March 7 for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 9 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-529. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Alignment of Canned Meat and Canned Product Requirements [Docket No.: APHIS-2020-0066] received February 24, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-530. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standards for Birds Not Bred for Use in Research Under the Animal Welfare Act [Docket No.: APHIS-2029-0068] (RIN: 0579-AE61) received February 24, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-531. A letter from the Special Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule — Regulation Implementing the Adjustable Interest Rate (LIBOR) Act [Regulation ZZ; Docket No.: R-1775] (RIN: 7100-AG34) received February 23, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-532. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Annual Reporting and Disclosure (RIN: 1210-AB97) received February 28, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-533. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Annual Information Return/Reports (RIN: 1210-AB97) received February 28, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-534. A letter from the Supervisory Workforce Analyst, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Adverse Effect Wage Rate Methodology for the Temporary Employment of H-2A Non-immigrants in Non-Range Occupations in the United States [DOL Docket No.: ETA-2021-0006] (RIN: 1205-AC05) received February 28, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-535. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and

Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final determinations — Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for General Service Fluorescent Lamps [EERE-2019-BT-STD-0030] (RIN: 1904-AE40) received February 24, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-536. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final determination — Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Packaged Terminal Air Conditioners and Packaged Terminal Heat Pumps [EERE-2019-BT-STD-0035] (RIN: 1904-AE66) received February 24, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-537. A letter from the Associate Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule and guidance — Enhanced Weapons, Firearms Background Checks, and Security Event Notifications [NRC-2011-0014; NRC-2011-0015; NRC-2011-0017; NRC-2011-0018] (RIN: 3150-AI49) received February 24, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-538. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-13, "Tipped Minimum Wage Increase Implementation Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-539. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting one (1) notification of a discontinuation of service in acting role, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-540. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Secretariat Division, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR); GSAR Clause Matrix Update [GSAR Case 2021-G502; Docket No.: 2022-0021; Sequence No.: 1] (RIN: 3090-AK70) received February 27, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-541. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Secretariat Division, Office of Acquisition Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR); Clarify Commercial Products and Services Contract Terms and Conditions [GSAR Case 2020-G505; Docket No.: GSA-GSAR-2022-0018; Sequence No.: 1] (RIN: 3090-AK18) received February 27, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-542. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Secretariat Division, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Travel Regulation; Rental Car Policy Updates and Clarifications [FTR Case 2020-301-1; Docket No.: GSA-FTR-2021-0017, Sequence No.: 2] (RIN: 3090-AK45) received February 27, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-543. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Secretariat Division, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Management Regulation; Physical Security [FMR Case 2018-102-2; Docket No.: 2020-0009; Sequence No.: 2] (RIN: 3090-AJ94) received February 27, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-544. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Secretariat Division, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR); Order Level Material Clarifications [GSAR Case 2020-G537; Docket No.: 2022-0008; Sequence No.: 1] (RIN: 3090-AK32) received February 27, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-545. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — General Schedule Locality Pay Areas (RIN: 3206-AO40) received February 24, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-546. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Enhancing Stability and Flexibility for the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (FLTICP)-Abbreviated Underwriting, Applications for FLTICP Coverage, and Technical Corrections (RIN: 3206-AO21) received February 24, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-547. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Adjustment of Civil Monetary Penalty Amounts for 2023 [Docket No.: FR-6375-F-01] received February 23, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-548. A letter from the Regulation Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of General Counsel (00REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Reimbursement for Emergency Treatment (RIN: 2900-AQ08) received February 28, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-549. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Interim Guidance Regarding Certain Insurance Related Issues for the Determination of Adjusted Financial Statement Income under Section 56A of the Internal Revenue Code [Notice 2023-20] received February 27, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-550. A letter from the Branch Chief, Legal Processing Division, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final regulation — Electronic-Filing Requirements for Specified Returns and Other Documents [TD 9972] (RIN: 1545-BN36) received February 27, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-551. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final regulations — Single-Entity Treatment of Consolidated Groups for Specific Purposes [TD

9973] (RIN: 1545-BQ51) received February 27, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-552. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Initial Guidance Establishing Qualifying Advanced Energy Project Credit Allocation Program Under Section 48C(e) [Notice 2023-18] received February 21, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-553. A letter from the Branch Chief, Legal Processing Division, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Third Six-year Remedial Amendment Cycle for Pre-approved Defined Benefit Plans: Issuance of Opinion Letters, Plan Adoption Deadline, and Opening of Determination Letter Program [Announcement 2023-6] received February 21, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-554. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Initial Guidance Establishing Program to Allocate Environmental Justice Solar and Wind Capacity Limitation Under Section 48(e) [Notice 2023-17] received February 21, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[The following action occurred on March 2, 2023]

Mr. COMER: Committee on Oversight and Accountability. H.R. 140. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to prohibit Federal employees from advocating for censorship of viewpoints in their official capacity, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-5). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. House Joint Resolution 27. A resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rules submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'" (Rept. 118-6). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. WESTERMAN (for himself, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, and Mr. STAUBER):

H.R. 1335. A bill to restart onshore and offshore oil, gas, and coal leasing, streamline permitting for energy infrastructure, ensure transparency in energy development on Federal lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in ad-

dition to the Committees on Agriculture, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of California):

H.R. 1336. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and reform rules relating to investigations and whistleblowers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. POSEY:

H.R. 1337. A bill to authorize States to request that the Secretary of Homeland Security enforce the Immigration and Nationality Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. RODGERS of Washington (for herself and Mr. PALLONE):

H.R. 1338. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide authority for certain licenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LATTA (for himself and Ms. KELLY of Illinois):

H.R. 1339. A bill to require the Federal Communications Commission to review certain rules of the Commission and develop recommendations for rule changes to promote precision agriculture, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ALLRED (for himself, Mr. HUDSON, and Mr. GUTHRIE):

H.R. 1340. A bill to provide outreach and technical assistance to small providers regarding Open RAN networks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BALDERSON (for himself and Ms. KUSTER):

H.R. 1341. A bill to improve Federal coordination with respect to spectrum management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. BARRAGÁN (for herself, Mr. DOGGETT, and Mr. GRIJALVA):

H.R. 1342. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to improve coverage of dental and oral health services for adults under Medicaid, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself and Ms. PETTERSEN):

H.R. 1343. A bill to codify the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences and to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to establish an initiative to support the development of emergency communication and tracking technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. CROCKETT:

H.R. 1344. A bill to rename the Dallas Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Dallas, Texas, as the "Eddie Bernice Johnson VA Medical Center"; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CURTIS (for himself and Ms. WILD):

H.R. 1345. A bill to amend the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Organization Act to establish the Office of Policy Development and Cybersecurity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GALLAGHER (for himself, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. STEWART, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. PFLUGER, and Mr. WEBSTER of Florida):

H.R. 1346. A bill to require the Director of National Intelligence to declassify information relating to the origin of COVID-19, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. GARCIA of Texas (for herself, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. SEWELL, and Ms. KAPTUR):

H.R. 1347. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to limit railroad carriers from blocking railway-highway crossings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. GIMENEZ:

H.R. 1348. A bill to extend the prohibition on the joint use of Homestead Air Reserve Base, Homestead, Florida, by the Air Force and civil aircraft; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. GOLDMAN of New York (for himself, Mr. NADLER, Mr. NORTON, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MENG, and Mr. BOWMAN):

H.R. 1349. A bill to establish the African Burial Ground International Memorial Museum and Educational Center in New York, New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself and Mr. BACON):

H.R. 1350. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore the amount of the orphan drug tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GRIJALVA (for himself, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. GOMEZ, and Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ):

H.R. 1351. A bill to repeal section 3003 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. HUDSON:

H.R. 1352. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish a demonstration project to increase access to biosimilar biological products under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio (for himself and Ms. SCHRIER):

H.R. 1353. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules for the provision of emergency connectivity service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. WEBER of Texas):

H.R. 1354. A bill to require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information, to report on and develop a whole-of-Government strategy with respect to the economic competitiveness of the information and communication technology supply chain, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. MALLIOTAKIS (for herself and Ms. STEFANIK):

H.R. 1355. A bill to prohibit Federal funds for any State, local, Tribal, or private entity

that operates or controls an injection center in violation of section 416 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 856; commonly referred to as the "Crack House Statute"); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. MEUSER:

H.R. 1356. A bill to modernize and streamline the public diplomacy capabilities of the Department of State, increase evaluation of public diplomacy programming, enhance strategic planning for the Department's public diplomacy physical presence abroad, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. MEUSER (for himself, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. GUEST, and Mrs. WAGNER):

H.R. 1357. A bill to provide for congressional oversight of certain sanctions imposed with respect to the Russian Federation; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MOLINARO (for himself, Mr. NEGUSE, and Mr. VASQUEZ):

H.R. 1358. A bill to direct the Bureau of Labor Statistics to prepare and publish a Consumer Price Index for Rural Consumers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. NORCROSS (for himself, Mr. BACON, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. TRONE, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. TONKO, Ms. PETTERSEN, and Mr. KIM of New Jersey):

H.R. 1359. A bill to expand the take-home prescribing of methadone through pharmacies; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. OBERNOLTE (for himself and Ms. ESHOO):

H.R. 1360. A bill to establish a cybersecurity literacy campaign, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. PAYNE (for himself, Mr. MFUME, Ms. LEE of California, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. CARSON, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. HIMES, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. CLYBURN, and Ms. CLARKE of New York):

H.R. 1361. A bill to authorize the Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance to make grants to States, units of local government, and gun dealers to conduct gun buyback programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PFLUGER (for himself, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. MOYLAN, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. NEWHOUSE, and Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS):

H.R. 1362. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from issuing a moratorium on issuing new oil and gas leases and drill permits on certain Federal lands; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. POSEY (for himself and Mr. SOTO):

H.R. 1363. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide bonus deprecia-

tion for certain space launch expenditures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ROSENDALE (for himself, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. FULCHER, and Mrs. BOEBERT):

H.R. 1364. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to reissue a final rule relating to removing the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem population of grizzly bears from the Federal list of endangered and threatened wildlife and to issue a new rule removing the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem population of grizzly bears from such list; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. ROSENDALE (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, and Mr. ROY):

H.R. 1365. A bill to provide that Federal funds may not be made available to lawless jurisdictions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. RUTHERFORD (for himself and Mr. GARCIA of Illinois):

H.R. 1366. A bill to require the Department of Housing and Urban Development to conduct an annual risk assessment of properties receiving tenant-based or project-based rental assistance for lead-based hazards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 1367. A bill to establish a program to increase drinking water and wastewater system threat preparedness and resilience, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Ms. TITUS, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. PHILLIPS, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. CROW, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. CASE, Mr. SWALWELL, Ms. WILD, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. KILDEE, and Ms. TOKUDA):

H.R. 1368. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to the transfer of arms and related materiel by the People's Republic of China to the Russian Federation or the evasion or circumvention of United States sanctions or multilateral sanctions by the People's Republic of China with respect to the Russian Federation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Financial Services, Ways and Means, and Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SHERMAN (for himself, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. CORREA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. TONKO, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. BIGGS, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. STRICKLAND, Ms. BUSH, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. BLUNT, Mr. ROCHESTER, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. CHU, Ms. OMAR, and Mr. GREEN of Texas):

H.R. 1369. A bill to review current restrictions on travel to North Korea, call for a formal end to the Korean War, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself and Mr. WALBERG):

H.R. 1370. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to establish a council to make recommendations on ways to increase the security, reliability, and interoperability of communications networks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. SPANBERGER (for herself, Mr. WALTZ, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Ms. SCHRIER, and Mr. STANTON):

H.R. 1371. A bill to improve Federal student loan disclosures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. SPANBERGER (for herself, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. COHEN):

H.R. 1372. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to all United States nationals who voluntarily joined the Canadian and British armed forces and their supporting entities during World War II, in recognition of their dedicated service; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. STEWART:

H.R. 1373. A bill to prohibit any head of a Federal agency from providing assistance to the Wuhan Institute of Virology and other laboratories in certain other foreign nations; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. TENNEY (for herself, Mr. LAMALFA, and Mr. LAMBORN):

H.R. 1374. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to prohibit the imposition of COVID-19 vaccine mandates by institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. TRONE (for himself and Mr. MEUSER):

H.R. 1375. A bill to allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to deny approval of a new drug application for an opioid analgesic drug on the basis of such drug not being clinically superior to other commercially available drugs; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. TURNER (for himself, Mr. WENSTRUP, Mr. STEWART, Mr. CRAWFORD, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. HILL, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. WALTZ, and Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California):

H.R. 1376. A bill to require the Director of National Intelligence to declassify information relating to the origin of COVID-19, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select), and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WALBERG (for himself, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, and Ms. KUSTER):

H.R. 1377. A bill to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to take certain actions to enhance the representation of the United States and promote United States leadership in communications standards-setting bodies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. STEIL (for himself and Mr. MORELLE):

H. Res. 194. A resolution electing Members to the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library and the Joint Committee on Printing; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Ms. BUSH, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. BEYER, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. PINGREE, and Ms. LEE of California):

H. Res. 195. A resolution expressing the need for the Federal Government to establish a national biodiversity strategy for protecting biodiversity for current and future generations; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. STANTON (for himself and Ms. LETLOW):

H. Res. 196. A resolution memorializing those impacted by and lost to the COVID-19 pandemic; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. WESTERMAN:

H.R. 1335.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Constitution, article I, section 8, clause 18.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To increase American energy production and restore energy leadership by restarting the leasing process and streamlining the permitting process for all forms of energy and mineral development on federal lands and waters and reforming the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to establish timelines for an clarify the scope of federal environmental reviews.

By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 1336.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify and reform rules relating to investigations and whistleblowers, and for other purposes.

By Mr. POSEY:

H.R. 1337.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Immigration

By Mrs. RODGERS of Washington

H.R. 1338.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to establish authority for the Federal Communications Commission to license certain communications services.

By Mr. LATTA:

H.R. 1339.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18:

The Congress shall have Power to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Executive the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To modernize FCC satellite regulations as it related to precision agriculture.

By Mr. ALLRED:

H.R. 1340.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3: [The Congress shall have Power] To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes

The single subject of this legislation is:

Telecommunication

By Mr. BALDERSON:

H.R. 1341.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Telecommunications

By Ms. BARRAGÁN:

H.R. 1342.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill modifies dental coverage under Medicaid

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia:

H.R. 1343.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Congress is granted the authority to introduce and enact this legislation pursuant to Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

The bill codifies statutory authority for the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences (ITS), the research and engineering laboratory that supports the National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) mission to manage radio frequency spectrum.

By Ms. CROCKETT:

H.R. 1344.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Section I, Article 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Veterans Affairs

By Mr. CURTIS:

H.R. 1345.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Creating the Office of Policy Development and Cybersecurity at NTIA and defining its parameters.

By Mr. GALLAGHER:

H.R. 1346.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

Intelligence declassification

By Ms. GARCIA of Texas:

H.R. 1347.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Section 8 Article I of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

blocked railroad crossings

By Mr. GIMENEZ:

H.R. 1348.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To extend the prohibition on the joint use of Homestead Air Reserve Base, Homestead, Florida, by the Air Force and civil aircraft

By Mr. GOLDMAN of New York:

H.R. 1349.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, Congress has the power "to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or any Department or Officer thereof".

The single subject of this legislation is:

The creation of a museum and education center

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER:

H.R. 1350.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18: To make all laws that shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Health Care

By Mr. GRIJALVA:

H.R. 1351.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Constitution Article 1 Sections 1 and 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To repeal a land transfer to protect the sacred site of Oak Flat from desecration by foreign mining interests

By Mr. HUDSON:

H.R. 1352.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 1

The single subject of this legislation is:

Medicare

By Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio:

H.R. 1353.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the US Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Directs the Federal Communications Commission to issue rules for the provision of emergency connectivity services in unserved areas.

By Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 1354.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To require the Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Commerce for Communications and Information, to report on and develop a whole-of-Government strategy with respect to the economic competitiveness of the information and communication technology supply chain, and for other purposes.

By Ms. MALLIOTAKIS:

H.R. 1355.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill prohibits federal funds from being made available to a state, local, tribal, or private entity that operates or controls an injection center (i.e., a medically supervised injection site) in violation of the federal statute commonly known as the Crack

House Statute. The statute generally prohibits making facilities available for the purpose of unlawfully using a controlled substance.

By Mr. MEUSER:
H.R. 1356.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8
The single subject of this legislation is:
State Department modernization.

By Mr. MEUSER:
H.R. 1357.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

The single subject of this legislation is:
Congressional Oversight

By Mr. MOLINARO:
H.R. 1358.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:
Economic Reporting

By Mr. NORCROSS:
H.R. 1359.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. 1, Sec. 8, Cl. 18)

The single subject of this legislation is:
Health

By Mr. OBERNOLTE:
H.R. 1360.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article I, Section 8
The single subject of this legislation is:
Cybersecurity

By Mr. PAYNE:
H.R. 1361.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Pursuant to Article I, Section 8, Clause 18:
Congress shall have Power to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is:
public safety.

By Mr. PFLUGER:
H.R. 1362.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:
To prohibit the Secretary of the Interior

and the Secretary of Agriculture from issuing a moratorium on issuing new oil and gas leases and drill permits on certain Federal lands.

By Mr. POSEY:
H.R. 1363.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution to "provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States."

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide bonus depreciation for certain space launch expenditures

By Mr. ROSENDALE:
H.R. 1364.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill delists certain populations of grizzly bears from the Endangered and Threatened Species list.

By Mr. ROSENDALE:
H.R. 1365.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:
Crime; prohibits funding for lawless jurisdictions

By Mr. RUTHERFORD:

H.R. 1366.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18:

[The Congress shall have Power . . .] To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is:
Housing Safety

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 1367.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is:

To increase drinking water and wastewater system threat preparedness and resilience.

By Mr. SCHIFF:

H.R. 1368.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:
To impose sanctions.

By Mr. SHERMAN:

H.R. 1369.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:
Foreign Affairs

By Ms. SLOTKIN:

H.R. 1370.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill provides statutory authority for a council that makes recommendations to the Federal Communications Commission regarding ways to increase the security, reliability, and interoperability of communications networks.

By Ms. SPANBERGER:

H.R. 1371.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill requires lenders disbursing federal student loans to disclose additional information to borrowers and increase the frequency of such disclosures.

By Ms. SPANBERGER:

H.R. 1372.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To honor the Americans who served in World War II with the Canadian and British militaries prior to America's declaration of war.

By Mr. STEWART:

H.R. 1373.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To prohibit any head of a Federal agency from providing assistance to the Wuhan Institute of Virology and other laboratories in certain other foreign nations.

By Ms. TENNEY:

H.R. 1374.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Prohibiting colleges and universities that receive federal funding from imposing vaccine mandates for COVID-19

By Mr. TRONE:

H.R. 1375.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill is about healthcare.

By Mr. TURNER:

H.R. 1376.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To require the Director of National Intelligence to declassify information relating to the origin of COVID-19

By Mr. WALBERG:

H.R. 1377.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information to take certain actions to enhance the representation of the United States and promote United States leadership in communications standards-setting bodies.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 5: Mr. ELLZEY, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. ESTES, Ms. LEE of Florida, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Mr. MANN, Mr. LAHOOD, Ms. GREENE of Georgia, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER, and Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.

H.R. 20: Mr. IVEY.

H.R. 82: Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. GALLEGO, Ms. BALINT, and Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 146: Mr. YAKYM.

H.R. 436: Mr. GOSAR and Mr. CLOUD.

H.R. 467: Mr. CISCOMANI and Mr. CLINE.

H.R. 472: Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 564: Mr. MCCLINTOCK and Mr. DONALDS.

H.R. 589: Mr. POSEY and Mr. RYAN.

H.R. 603: Ms. CRAIG.

H.R. 618: Mrs. DINGELL and Ms. KUSTER.

H.R. 621: Ms. PORTER.

H.R. 646: Mr. BURGESS, Mr. CRANE, Mr. BRECHEEN, and Mr. EDWARDS.

H.R. 670: Mr. D'ESPOSITO.

H.R. 727: Ms. PORTER.

H.R. 736: Mr. MORAN and Mrs. MILLER of Illinois.

H.R. 891: Mr. QUIGLEY and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.

H.R. 895: Mr. WILLIAMS of New York.

H.R. 911: Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. VALADAO, and Ms. HOULAHAN.

H.R. 917: Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. WALTZ, and Mr. FALLON.

H.R. 932: Mr. GOSAR, Mr. QUIGLEY, and Mr. ROSENDALE.

H.R. 998: Mr. STEUBE and Mr. RUTHERFORD.

H.R. 1011: Mr. CLINE.

H.R. 1025: Mr. BARR.

H.R. 1065: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Mr. KILMER.

H.R. 1102: Mr. MAST.

H.R. 1109: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 1127: Mr. BERGMAN and Ms. HOULAHAN.

H.R. 1141: Mr. CURTIS.

H.R. 1151: Mr. ALLRED.

H.R. 1155: Mr. CURTIS.

H.R. 1160: Mrs. LEE of Nevada.

H.R. 1218: Mr. GREEN of Tennessee, Ms. SALAZAR, and Mr. STEWART.

H.R. 1235: Mr. TRONE.

H.R. 1247: Mr. DESAULNIER, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. SABLON, Mr. CORREA, and Mr. GREEN of Texas.

H.R. 1263: Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 1271: Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Mr. HARRIS.

H.R. 1275: Ms. HAGEMAN.

H.R. 1286: Mr. PFLUGER.

H.R. 1291: Mr. GREEN of Tennessee.

H.R. 1318: Ms. ESCOBAR, Mrs. BICE, and Mr. GREEN of Texas.

H.R. 1324: Ms. SALAZAR and Mr. BACON.

H. J. Res. 31: Mr. STRONG.

H. Con. Res. 13: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mrs. LESKO, Mr.

MOONEY, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. YAKYM, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. ALFORD.

H. Con. Res. 21: Mr. BIGGS.

H. Res. 86: Mr. HIGGINS of New York and Mr. MOORE of Utah.

H. Res. 96: Mr. CLINE.

H. Res. 100: Ms. ADAMS and Mrs. HARSHBARGER.

H. Res. 182: Mr. DESAULNIER and Mr. GREEN of Texas.

H. Res. 188: Mr. DONALDS.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING DR. JENNIFER NORRELL AS THE 2023 AFRICAN AMERICAN LEADER OF THE YEAR

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Dr. Jennifer Norrell's achievements as she is honored as the 2023 African American Leader of the Year. Since her historic appointment in 2018, Dr. Norrell has become a central figure in the support of the district's 14,000 students, their families, District 131's faculty and staff, and the East Aurora Community.

As the first woman to serve as superintendent of the state of Illinois' first public school district, Dr. Norrell has made impressive strides in her work to improve academic success. She has cultivated an academic culture that allows students to build a sense of positive identity, healing, resilience, and overall academic success.

During her five years with District 131, Dr. Jennifer Norrell has played an instrumental role in helping to increase the high school graduation rate by 17 percent to an impressive 87 percent which is steadily improving.

Dr. Norrell's passion for improving the quality of education for students has always been apparent. Before joining District 131, Dr. Jennifer Norrell served as assistant superintendent for curriculum, instruction, assessments, and grants for Bloom Township High School District 206.

I am proud to represent Aurora, and I am grateful for the dedication Dr. Jennifer Norrell has shown to improving the academic quality and success of District 131 students. Join me as I celebrate Dr. Jennifer Norrell as the 2023 African American Leader of the Year.

HONORING THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA ON THEIR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Virginia on their centennial celebration on March 4, 2023.

For 100 years, the Virginia VFW has worked hard to protect and fight for our veterans to ensure that they receive the benefits that they have earned and deserve. They support veterans, servicemembers, and their families by providing opportunities through education, scholarships, and living assistance.

I thank the VFW for their relentless advocacy and support of those who sacrificed for our country.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Virginia on 100 years of service to our veterans and to making the Commonwealth of Virginia a better place for our veterans and their families.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSMAN BOB MICHEL ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. DARIN LAHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, today, I recognize former Congressman Robert H. Michel, the longest serving Republican Leader of the House of Representatives, born on this day 100 years ago. From his time in the U.S. Army on the front lines fighting for democracy in World War II to his long career in government service, Bob Michel sought to defend our freedom and the American Dream at every turn.

Leader Michel defined public service and bipartisanship during his 38 years serving in the U.S. House of Representatives. He cherished his time spent in the House, and he revered the institution. He was a product of Midwestern values that made our central Illinois community a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Often known for being a patient listener, flexible goal setter, and gentle persuader, he remained committed to legislative compromise and appealing to the spirit of bipartisanship. Building relationships across the aisle and promoting civility and debate helped move legislation through the House Chamber. His common sense, middle-of-the-road policymaking left a legacy that will continue for centuries.

Congressman Michel's steadfast work to improve the lives of citizens of central Illinois stands as a model for progress to further the greater good and prosperity of America and Illinois. Peorians were always proud to have him fighting for them in Congress. On what would have been his 100th birthday, the legacy he left behind should serve as a reminder for how we as public servants can continue our work to move our country and democracy forward.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RESOLUTION OBSERVING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF JOHN LESLIE "WES" MONTGOMERY AND COMMEMORATING HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO JAZZ MUSIC

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Mr. CARSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with great Hoosier pride and joy that I rise today to intro-

duce a resolution celebrating the 100th anniversary of the birth of John Leslie "Wes" Montgomery.

Wes Montgomery was born in my hometown of Indianapolis, Indiana on March 6, 1923 to Frances and Tom Montgomery. He was naturally gifted in the musical arts and demonstrated his talents on the 4- and 6-string guitar in his youth. He was a self-taught musician who learned to play the guitar by listening to recordings of another jazz genius, guitarist Charlie Christian. Wes Montgomery developed a unique and innovative finger style playing technique by using the thumb to play base notes simultaneously with the melodic lines. This wonderful style helped to propel his success as a renowned jazz guitarist.

His musical gifts and performances became famous in jazz clubs in Indianapolis and he was recruited to tour with the Lionel Hampton Orchestra. In 1957, he joined his brothers Buddy and Monk to perform with other bands, and later released the album, the "Wes Montgomery Trio" and "The Incredible Guitar of Wes Montgomery". One of his biggest hits and most beloved albums was "A Day in the Life", which was rated the premier album on the Billboard Jazz Album chart, 2nd on the Billboard R&B Albums chart and 13th on the Billboard 200 chart.

Sadly, we lost this incredibly bright star far too soon, when he died at his home in Indianapolis on June 15, 1968, at the age of 45. But his music and his legacy still shine in our hearts and wherever his music is played. His beautiful and heartfelt music inspired generations of other musicians, and it continues to fill us with joy today.

Mr. Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting this resolution to honor a Hoosier and an American music legend. I urge the House to support this resolution.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF FRED RODGERS

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and legacy of Mr. Fred Rodgers, a fierce champion and advocate who helped guide the City of Aurora's young people onto a path of success.

Mr. Rodgers was the City of Aurora's first ever youth services director, a role he held for 25 years. During his time, he directed the City of Lights Sports Tournament, the Aurora Sports Festival, Stepping Into the Arts Music Program, and several summer camps. He also coordinated several city events, including the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations.

Upon his retirement, Mr. Rodgers was recognized with the creation of the Fred Rodgers Community Center in 2009. He believed that our youth are essential for our community's future success, and it is estimated that Mr. Rodgers' advocacy work impacted the lives of

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more than 25,000 Aurora children. In 1996, he traveled as part of a group to meet with former Alabama Governor George Wallace to offer his forgiveness for the Governor's racist views, which ultimately led to the Governor repenting his past remarks.

Fred Rodgers always taught Aurora's youth to work with compassion in order to be good and productive citizens. I am proud to represent Aurora, and I, and many others, know that the incredible legacy left by Mr. Rodgers on the City of Aurora will provide a blueprint for our youth and community for years to come.

HONORING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF MORRISTOWN NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

HON. MIKIE SHERRILL

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Ms. SHERRILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 90th anniversary of Morristown National Historical Park as a unit of the National Park Service.

Morristown National Historical Park is a treasured part of New Jersey's Eleventh Congressional District and an important part of our nation's history. During the coldest winter of the Revolutionary War—from 1779 to 1780—George Washington and the Continental Army camped in Morristown, New Jersey. Centrally located between New York City and Philadelphia, Morristown was a strategic location for the Continental Army.

Recognizing the important history of the park, the 65th Congress established Morristown National Historical Park. It was signed into law by President Herbert Hoover on his last day of office, March 2, 1933. As a member of the 118th Congress, I am grateful for the work of my predecessors in making Morristown National Historical Park the first national historical park in the United States, marking the start of a robust national historical park system that has educated and enriched the lives of generations of Americans in the years since.

Today, whether walking, biking or joining guided tours, visitors to the park can experience our nation's history firsthand. Visitors can see where the troops built cabins for their encampment at Jockey Hollow or tour the Ford Mansion that served as George Washington's headquarters. Over its long history, the Morristown Historical Park has preserved the history of the Revolutionary War while providing countless memories for its visitors from NJ—11 and around the world.

With the 250th Anniversary of our Nation right around the corner, I look forward to gathering with my family and my fellow Americans to mark this historic milestone at the crossroads of the American Revolution—Morristown National Historical Park.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING: THE PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE ACT

HON. HAKEEM S. JEFFRIES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following statements from key individuals and organizations in support of the Richard L. Trumka Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act of 2023:

President Joe Biden: "A union is about working people having each other's backs, making sure you get the pay and benefits you deserve. That's how we rebuild the middle class. Employers aren't supposed to undermine that. The PRO Act will make sure your right to join one is protected. Pass it."

Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi: "The right of workers to organize is a basic right that improves working families' lives & strengthens our economy. Richard Trumka was a champion of this right. Proud to support the PRO Act named in his honor, which empowers workers to fight for fair wages, benefits & dignity."

President Liz Shuler, AFL-CIO: "The PRO Act is how we level the playing field. It is how we stop the intimidation, the lies. This is how we let workers, not wealthy corporations, decide for themselves if they want the power of a union."

AFL-CIO: "For too long, employers have been able to violate the NLRA with impunity, routinely denying working people our basic right to join with co-workers for fairness on the job. According to the Economic Policy Institute, more than 60 million workers wanted to join a union in 2022 but couldn't. As a result of this ongoing trend, the collective strength of workers to negotiate for better pay and benefits has eroded, and income inequality has reached levels we have not seen since the Great Depression. The PRO Act would restore the original intent of the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) that gave working people a voice on the job so we can negotiate for higher wages, better benefits, a safe workplace and protection against discrimination."

Communication Workers of America (CWA): "The PRO Act, just reintroduced in the House & Senate, is the most significant piece of pro-worker legislation we've seen in decades. We're not going to stop fighting until we get it passed."

AFSCME: "Change begins with the Richard Trumka Protecting the Right to Organize Act. This vital piece of legislation would hold union busters accountable and allow thousands of working people to experience the union difference. It would give them the opportunity for a true voice on the job, leading to fairer wages and safer workplaces. In a country with rampant wealth and income inequality, unions are a proven solution. This isn't just about economic justice; this is about democracy. Workers deserve the freedom to form strong unions and to use their voices at work without fear. We urge Congress to pass the PRO Act swiftly."

International Brotherhood of Teamsters: "More workers are forming unions than ever before and yet, we continue to face challenges around income inequality and rising healthcare prices. I corporations take advantage of workers in the name of maximizing profits. American workers need the PRO Act to solidify the gains they have made and to fight back against systemic inequalities."

United Steel Workers (USW): "With some of the most significant labor reforms the country has seen in over eighty-eight years,

the PRO Act targets loopholes in worker organizing laws. The legislation, should it become law, would help ensure companies fairly negotiate and are held accountable during the collective bargaining process. It also protects the achievements of newly organized workers by establishing a much needed process for first contract between companies and newly certified unions, allowing for mediation, and when necessary, binding arbitration. When workers choose to use systems set up by our government that allow for a voice at the job, they should work in a timely and efficient manner. The PRO Act will reestablish that pact between Government, employer, and worker."

National Nurses United (NNU): "Across the country, nurses have been subject to intimidation and retaliation from their employers because of their efforts to unionize. The PRO Act would provide critical protections for nurses who want to organize collectively and, in turn, would help improve patient care. The dire need for this legislation has been made all the clearer during this pandemic. Due to employer neglect, nurses have been forced to struggle together for the most basic safety protections at their hospitals and clinics. Union organizing has led to improvements in infectious disease protocols, staffing levels, workplace violence prevention programs, and safe patient handling programs, all of which directly improve patient care."

American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE): "With the re-introduction of the PRO Act, members of Congress face a choice. Legislators can stand with American workers whose legal rights are being trampled by private employers to the detriment of the nation. Or they can stand with the ultrawealthy elites whose status depends on the continued oppression and exploitation of working-class Americans."

United Automobile Workers (UAW): "For too long, employers have been able to violate the law with little consequence, routinely denying working people their basic right to join with coworkers and have a voice in the workplace. Time and time again, workers have fought for a union only to be met with coercion, retaliation, and intimidation by employers seeking to prevent workers from exercising their fundamental rights such as illegally firing workers, holding captive audience meetings, and threatening to close plants. The PRO Act would address these and other impediments. UAW urges Congress to pass the Richard L. Trumka PRO Act and send it to President Biden's desk for signature."

House Labor Caucus: "We are proud to support the Richard L. Trumka Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act. This critical, bipartisan legislation will ensure all workers have the right to organize and collectively raise their voices for dignity and respect. The PRO Act would reverse decades of anti-union policies, strengthening the labor movement. It empowers workers to join a union, holds companies accountable for obstructing unionization efforts by creating enforceable penalties, and ensures free and fair union elections. This bill will help make sure every worker that wants to join a union can. Union membership is an essential pathway to the middle class and with the PRO Act, we can ensure every worker's rights are protected."

Unemployed Workers United: "Thanks to Rep. Bobby Scott and Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick for standing with workers to introduce the PRO Act in Congress Standing up for working people is not a Democratic or Republican issue—it is an American issue."

Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA): "The PRO Act would empower millions of Americans by strengthening protections for workers who choose to

join a union and bargain for higher wages, better benefits, and safer working conditions. Too often when workers join with co-workers to form a union, employers work against them in every way possible—from retaliation and dismissal to bad faith bargaining. The PRO Act will level the playing field for America's working men and women. LIUNA urges Congress to pass this important legislation."

RECOGNIZING WAYNE EVANS

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Wayne Evans who will receive the Saint David's Society of Lackawanna County President's Award for outstanding contribution to Welsh heritage in Northeastern Pennsylvania. He will be honored at the organization's 130th annual gathering on March 4, 2023.

Wayne grew up in Scranton, Pennsylvania and graduated from Scranton Central High School. He continued his academic career at Penn State University. He spent much of his professional career working for Verizon Communications as an engineer. Following his retirement from Verizon, he started Wayne Evans Realty in Scranton.

In addition to his professional pursuits, Wayne has been a lifelong dedicated community volunteer. He has served as the president of the Greater Scranton Board of Realtors and the Architectural Heritage Association. Wayne is passionate about uplifting his beloved hometown and has dedicated significant time and effort to serving his community and fellow citizens. He was president of the South Scranton Residents Association and a member of both the Ethics Board and the Historic and Architectural Review Board for the City of Scranton. He served as the finance chair of Scranton City Council from 2014 to 2019, and he held the title of mayor in 2019. Additionally, he was appointed to the Judicial Conduct Review Board for the Commonwealth by former governor, Tom Wolf.

Wayne's dedication to his community and fellow citizens also earned him positions on the boards of a diverse group of organizations. He sits on the boards of Keystone College, Howard Gardner Multiple Intelligence Charter School, Scranton Tomorrow, NeighborWorks of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and the Scranton Lackawanna Industrial Building Company (SLIBCO). He is also vice president of the St. David's Society, and no one celebrates Welsh heritage, history, and culture with more enthusiasm than Wayne.

Wayne and his wife Nancy have 4 sons, Kyle, Morgan, Christian and Jeremy and 7 grandchildren.

I'm honored to join with the St. David's Society of Lackawanna County to celebrate Wayne's unparalleled contributions to his community and his promotion of Welsh heritage in our region. May he continue to find fulfillment and purpose by serving others.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF NADINE GERBER

HON. MARILYN STRICKLAND

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an exceptional member of the Olympia, Washington community. I would like to recognize Nadine Gerber's distinguished service and dedication to the success of our students.

Nadine Gerber is the President of the McLane Elementary School's Parent, Teacher and Student Organization, or the PTSO. Intended to be inclusive of all members of the McLane Elementary community, the PTSO has made it its mission to enhance learning experiences for students, aid teachers, and support families as this Olympia school re-emerges from the pandemic.

One of the group's greatest achievements has been the After School Enrichment program. Starting in full force after schools reopened in the fall of 2020, Nadine's After School Enrichment program seeks to shore up deficiencies in students' socio-emotional development caused by distance learning, as well as offer parents an affordable childcare option as more and more households transition back to in-person work.

Nadine first partnered with Discover Aquatics, a swimming center within walking distance of the Olympia school, to provide students with swimming lessons. She also founded two faculty and parent-led clubs, one focused on gardening and the other on running, that allow students to engage in these activities at no cost to families.

As the After School Enrichment program grew in popularity, Nadine was able to expand the extracurricular program to include theater classes, a comic books club, and 3D printing and game design introductory classes, made possible in part by partnerships with local businesses and the South Sound YMCA.

Over the past few years, Nadine has seen scared students who wouldn't dip their toes into the pool turn into strong swimmers, participants in the program's running club embrace challenges head-on to become confident cross-country athletes, and curious children tending to their above-ground garden plots blossom into full-blown gardeners. All the individual and collective growth seen in McLane Elementary's children can be attributed to the consistent efforts of Nadine as PTSO President and her tireless leadership of the After School Enrichment program.

That is why Nadine Gerber, a proud community leader, is my constituent spotlight.

RECOGNIZING MRS. JENNIFER POOLE, CONSTITUENT SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Jennifer Poole, on the occasion of her retirement after 20 years of

service to the United States House of Representatives.

Mrs. Poole began her career as a single mom on March 3, 2003, with the Office of Congressman John Linder (GA-07), and continued her service with the Office of Congressman Tom Price (GA-06) and then the Office of Congresswoman Karen Handel (GA-06). Mrs. Poole has been an invaluable member of my staff since 2017. She has worked cases related to every federal agency through the years, but excelled in working with Social Security, Internal Revenue Service, and Medicare cases. She has successfully completed thousands of cases, with immeasurable benefits being returned to our 11th Congressional District constituents. Guided by her faith, Jennifer has made a significant difference to Georgia constituents during some of their most challenging times.

Jennifer serves with uncommon zeal and tenacity; but more than that, her compassion and kindness are extraordinary. She exemplifies the very best of public service, and is an inspiration for us all. It is because of her dedication and impact to the community, that she will be greatly missed by our office and constituents. We wish her nothing but the best in retirement, allowing her to spend more time with her husband Scott, and children, Frankie and Mollie. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Poole for her 20 years of exemplary service.

I thank Jennifer. God speed.

HONORING DR. PAUL BERG

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the many contributions of Dr. Paul Berg to the science community. Dr. Berg passed away on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at age 96. This loss is deeply felt across our community.

Paul Berg was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1926 to a Russian Jewish immigrant couple, Harry and Sarah Brodsky Berg. While he grew up in modest circumstances, his mother encouraged his passion for science. He graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in 1943. Penn State University in 1948 with a B.S. in Biochemistry, and from Case Western Reserve University for his PhD in Biochemistry in 1952.

After his graduate work, Dr. Berg became a postdoctoral fellow with the American Cancer Society from 1952 through 1954. He worked at the Institute of Cytophysiology in Denmark and the Washington University School of Medicine. From 1955 through 1959, he was an assistant professor at the Washington University. Then, he was asked to help open a new biochemistry department at Stanford University. He was a professor at Stanford, where he was named Robert W. and Vivian K. Cahill Professor of Cancer Research Emeritus. He taught from 1959 through 2000. While he was a professor teaching biochemistry to graduate students, I was an undergraduate who was a friend to some of those grad students. Dr. Berg inspired them, tremendously. I remember well the optimism and excitement his teaching inspired his students, my friends.

While at Stanford, Dr. Berg helped raised \$50 million to build the Beckman Center for Molecular and Genetic Medicine, of which he was the director from 1985 through 2000. Furthermore, in 2004, he became a leading advocate for CA Prop 71 which replaced federal stem cell research dollars with state taxpayer money when it was passed.

Dr. Berg's dedication to research changed both the drug production industry and the overall biotechnology industry, as well as the advancement of cancer research. He played an instrumental role in the 1975 Asilomar Conference on Recombinant DNA on the potential biohazards of recombinant DNA molecules, as well as leading research on gene-splicing and stem cells. Especially as the first scientist to use the gene-splicing technique using two different species' DNA, Dr. Berg paved the way for modern-day genetic engineering. One of his highest achievements, however, was earning a Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1980 alongside Walter Gilbert and Frederick Sanger for their research on nucleic acids. His contributions to science will continue to impact research and continue to save lives.

When I served on the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County, we were asked to approve a land use designation for a research facility on the Stanford Campus over which the County had land use authority. There being some community concern over the proposal, Dr. Berg came to meet with members of the Board (and public) to provide information. We were treated to a multi-hour personal seminar on biotechnology which is one of my treasured moments from my service on the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege to recognize and commend Dr. Paul Berg for his awe-inspiring achievements. His legacy will endure for generations.

CONGRATULATING MR. RAJ
SUBRAMANIAM ON HIS INDUC-
TION INTO THE HORATIO ALGER
ASSOCIATION

HON. RAJA KRISHNAMOORTHY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Raj Subramaniam for his induction into the Horatio Alger Association, an organization dedicated to ensuring the American Dream remains achievable by providing need-based scholarships to deserv-

ing young people. Every year, the association inducts 12 new members who both serve as role models to scholarship recipients and whose life story, achievements, and character, exemplify the possibilities of America. The Association wisely chose Mr. Subramaniam, who, having come to the United States as an immigrant, is now just the third Indian-American to be named CEO of a Fortune 50 company.

Mr. Subramaniam was born in Trivandrum in the southern Indian state of Kerala. Much like my family, he moved to the United States seeking economic opportunities and to further his education. In 1991, Mr. Subramaniam joined FedEx where his hard work, tenacity, teamwork, and excellent judgment helped him rise quickly in the company where he was eventually named President and CEO in March 2022.

In addition to his enthusiastic dedication and service to FedEx, Mr. Subramaniam remains very involved with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and other charitable endeavors. He has also leveraged his cross-cultural experience by building sustainable economic bridges between the United States and Asia. He has worked to expand trade relationships that strengthen the economies of all involved with the belief that greater economic opportunities will allow others to succeed. Mr. Subramaniam serves on the Board of Directors of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's China Center Advisory Board, U.S.-India CEO Forum, the U.S.-China Business Council, and the U.S.-India Strategic Partnership Forum, all of which help to facilitate international trade between the United States and Asia. He is also a member of the International Trade Administration's Advisory Committee on Supply Chain Competitiveness (ACSCC), which works to improve the efficiency of international trade. Ultimately, I am confident that these important experiences will inform Mr. Subramaniam's contributions to the Horatio Alger Association.

Mr. Speaker, the Horatio Alger Association's motto is "Honoring Perseverance, Integrity, and Excellence." Mr. Subramaniam embodies each of these qualities. Nobody is better positioned to help develop the next generation of young leaders who aspire to attain the American Dream, just like Mr. Subramaniam and his wife Uma, and just like my own family have attained. I again congratulate Mr. Subramaniam on this important achievement and wish him success in all his future endeavors.

HONORING THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 3, 2023

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ebenezer Baptist Church of Woodbridge, VA, a stalwart of the Seventh District, in honor of its 140th anniversary.

In 1881, only seven years after the Town of Occoquan's incorporation, the land that Ebenezer Baptist Church would eventually be built upon was purchased, setting the stage for it to become one of the first Black churches in all of Northern Virginia.

Founded by the formerly enslaved Reverend Lewis Henry Bailey, Ebenezer Baptist Church quickly developed an identity of dedicated ministry and servant leadership to its community. Though the first cornerstone of Ebenezer Baptist Church was laid decades ago in May of 1883, the church's communal foundation is unwavering and its spirit as alive today, as it was 140 years ago.

Born from these roots, Ebenezer Baptist Church has continued to strive toward its focus of "putting the family back together."

From hosting the Woodbridge Toastmasters Club to community food giveaways to Sunday services, Ebenezer Baptist Church remains a primary source of enrichment of the mind, body, and soul for many residents of Virginia's Seventh District.

As a fixture of the community, Ebenezer Baptist Church has faithfully answered the bell and opened its doors when needed most.

Notably, under the leadership of Senior Pastor Reverend Dr. Charles A. Lundy and First Lady Reverend Jacquelyn Lundy, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ebenezer Baptist Church provided critical community health services to the Occoquan District and Prince William County. This selfless service included providing food and shelter to those in need, while also hosting vital testing and vaccinations.

The combination of grace and effectiveness with which Ebenezer Baptist Church has served the Seventh District is extraordinary. As the U.S. Representative for Virginia's Seventh District, I am grateful for the tremendous community asset that is Ebenezer Baptist Church of Woodbridge, VA, and wish them another 140 years of exceptional communion, ministry, and service.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 2023.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 43 public bills, H.R. 1335–1377; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 194–196, were introduced. **Pages H1112–14**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1115–16**

Reports Filed: A report was filed on March 2, 2023 as follows:

H.R. 140, to amend title 5, United States Code, to prohibit Federal employees from advocating for censorship of viewpoints in their official capacity, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–5).

A report was filed today as follows:

H.J. Res. 27, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to “Revised Definition of ‘Waters of the United States’” (H. Rept. 118–6). **Page H112**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Kiggans to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1055**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication: Read a letter from Chairman Graves wherein he transmitted copies of ten resolutions included in the General Services Administration’s Capital Investment and Leasing Programs. The resolutions were adopted by the Committee on

Transportation and Infrastructure on February 28, 2023. **Pages H1055–H1110**

Senate Referrals: S. 227 was held at the desk. S. 619 was held at the desk. **Page H1055**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1055.

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, March 6

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Tuesday, March 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Robert Stewart Ballou, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

House Chamber

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